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Roco welcomes FPJ as running mate

By Jun Malig
PDI Central Luzon Desk

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HUH? DA KING PANG-VICE LANG?!

ANGELES CITY—Roco-FPJ for 2004?

Former Education Secretary Raul Roco said action star Fernando Poe Jr. was welcome to be his running mate in the

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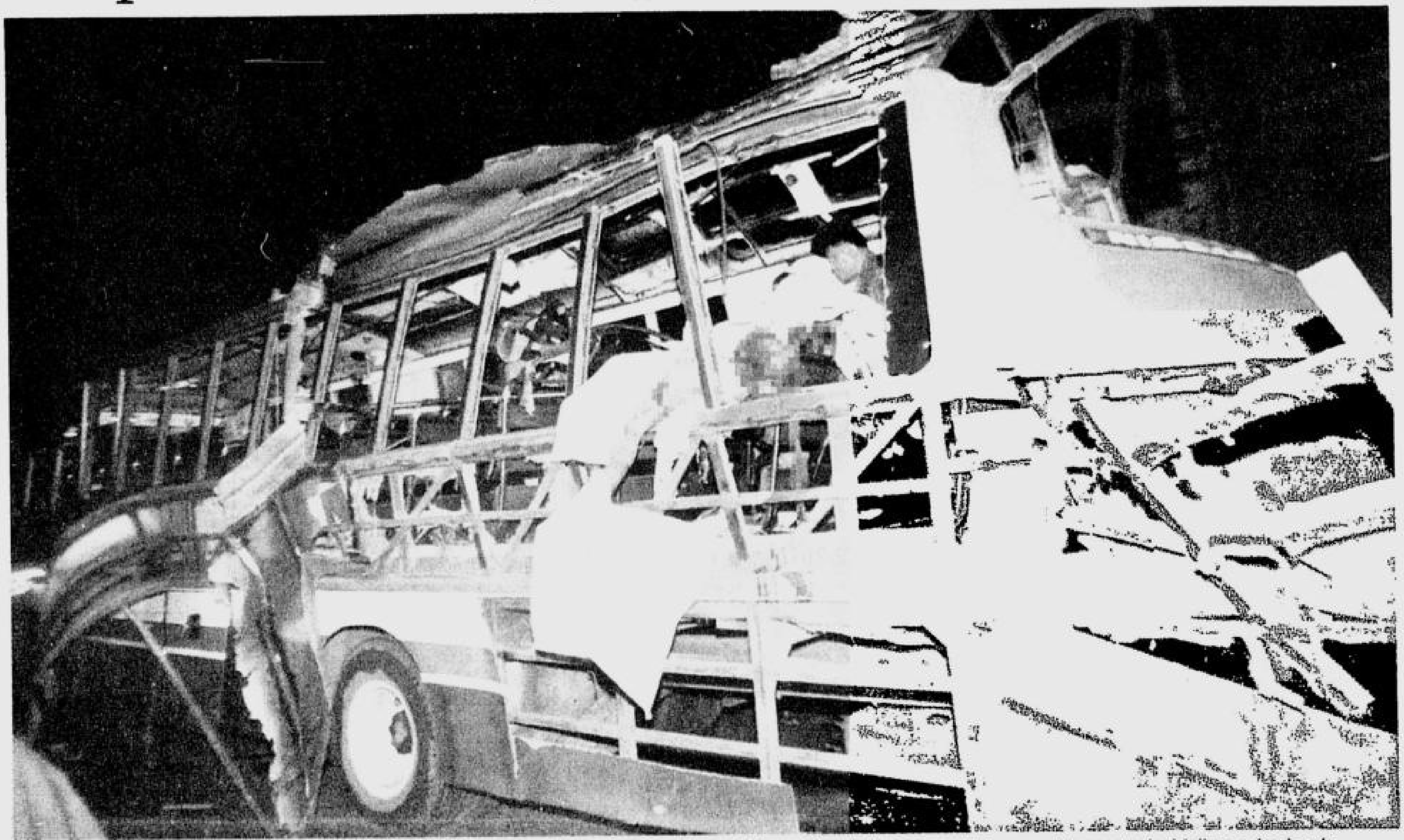
GMA: Unite, defy terror

But police caution people against going to crowded places



CARCASS of the 30-seater non-airconditioned Golden Hi-Way Transit bus that plied the Alabang-Novaliches route which was on its way to the Malinta exit when it exploded Friday night.

RANDY HORMILLOSA

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan and TJ Burgonio

WE must defy the terrorists.

President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday moved to dispel the mounting bomb scare by urging the people to go on with their normal lives and not be bullied by "a few troublemakers with limited capabilities."

"Let us not allow terrorists to destroy our day," the President said in her weekly radio address. "Let us live our lives normally under the protection of our authorities. Let us be one in our unified act of defiance against terrorism. Let us support the determined efforts of our law enforcers to root out this evil from among us."

The President assailed those spreading rumors and text messages about supposed bomb attacks—including a warning about bombings in Metro Manila within 72 hours—for fanning the hysteria.

"A few troublemakers with limited capabilities are trying to bully 80 million Filipinos into living in fear and terror in their own homes and neighborhoods," she said. "They are being unwittingly aided by rumor mongers and by the hysterical and those easily panicked among us."

She said the police and military were on full alert and had even thwarted some attacks, but the people themselves had to be on guard against suspicious activities.

The Friday night bus explosion on Ed-

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Last trip for Bus No. 0271

By Alcuin Papa

WHY US? We are just small people.

This was the question asked again and again by dazed survivors of Friday night's bus bombing in Balintawak, Quezon City, when shock and bewilderment gave way to hopelessness and outrage.

Golden Hi-way Transit bus No. 0271 was making its last trip for the day. It turned out to be it's last trip, period.

At exactly 10:10 p.m. Friday, an explosion ripped through the rear section of the bus, killing at least two persons, almost snuffing out the dreams of its other working class passengers, and capping a troubled day in the jittery metropolis.

Bus driver Edward Balisnomo, 32, and conductor Virgilio Quising, 35, were still in a daze the morning after the carnage when interviewed by the INQUIRER at the Central Police District headquarters in Camp Karingal, Quezon City.

"That was supposed to be our last trip," said Quising in Filipino. Quis-

LAST/ A19

Cell phone triggered blast, probers suspect

By Alcuin Papa

MALE, 22-30 years old, 5'2 to 5'5 in height, and with high cheekbones and dark complexion.

Quezon City police yesterday provided this description of the man believed responsible for the bus explosion in Quezon City Friday night that killed two people (not three, as earlier reported) and injured around 20 others. A sketch of the man has been drawn based on passengers' accounts.

Investigators told the INQUIRER that the man dressed in a maroon shirt and brown pants got off the bus shortly before the explosion at around 10:10 p.m. Two witnesses, identified as Julius Sayson and Helen Ferral, said the man reached for a cellular phone after alighting just seconds before the blast.

Other witnesses reportedly heard a cell phone ring just prior to the blast. According to investigators, certain explosive devices may be triggered by the ringing of a cell phone.

Explosives experts have found parts of a Nokia cell phone, a "Talk and Text" SIM card and a blasting cap at the scene.

Investigators said the bomb was probably an improvised device using 5-10 kilos of TNT.

The explosion ripped through the rear right section of a Golden Hi-way Transit Bus driven by Edward Balisnomo, 32. The bus, which had 30 passengers and no air-conditioning, was then in front of the Northstar Motors building at 1200 Edsa in Barangay Apolonio Samson, near Caloocan City.

After the explosion, the bus was able to move at least 20 meters and came to a stop near the Distileria Limtuaco build-

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How to spot a bomb

AN INFORMED citizenry is the best weapon against terrorism. Law enforcement agencies need the help of ordinary citizens in spotting possible bombs and minimizing the damage caused by a bomb explosion.

Here are some tips from the Philippine National Police Firearms and Explosives Division and the US National Security Institute:

Indicators of a possible bomb:

1. Strange, unusual, unattended baggage, bags, boxes or parcels.
2. Tightly wrapped and compact packages or parcels.
3. Oily stains on an envelope or

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No stopping sale of rare Juan Luna

By Juliet L. Javellana

THERE'S no one who can stop the sale of a rare 110-year-old Juan Luna painting which is on the auction block at Christie's in Hong Kong.

The auction will be held on Oct. 27 at the JW Marriot Hotel in the special Chinese region.

It can't be blocked by Kim Camacho, wife of Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho, who cited a law banning the shipment of works of art that are over a hundred years old.

Not by Sen. Tessie Aquino-Oreta, who questioned the propriety of the finance secretary's wife intervening in the sale of the painting because she works for Christie's rival, Sotheby's, as its country representative.

Not by the director of the National Museum who cannot tell for sure if the sale is illegal.

Not even by Presidential Decree 374, the Cultural Properties Preservation Act, that regulates the movements of "designated national cultural treasures."

The painting is priceless to Filipinos. As priceless perhaps as Luna's better-known painting of 1884, the Spolarium, which hangs in the National Museum.

What is the painting all about?

Described in Christie's auction notes as "a work of art of rare intrinsic beauty," the painting in question is Luna's "Parisian Life." signed, inscribed and dated "LUNA, Paris 1892."

It depicts a "last gathering of great Filipinos on the eve of momentous events."

The price, according to a catalogue appearing on Christie's website, was estimated at HK$1.8 million to HK$2 million. Local estimates place it at P14 million.

Mounted on a 22 by 31-inch canvas, Parisian Life depicts the artist with his closest friends (Jose) Rizal and Dr. Ariston Bautista Lin in a casual evening in a café in Paris in 1892, barely a few months before they returned to the Philippines to play their roles in the Philippine Revolution against Spain. Thus, the painting is as masterly as it is historic.

"The playful, relaxed mood of Parisian Life does not give the slightest hint of the tumultuous happenings to come in the artist's life, nor of the heroic paths all three men would take," according to the notes of the auction house.

"Instead, it depicts a delicious slice of the artist's personal Parisian life, capturing an expedition with two of his closest friends for a casual evening in a café, possibly Maxim's," it said.

The men, seated in the far left corner of the painting, were overshadowed by the prominent figure of a lady.

The notes said Rizal, who became the national hero, was depicted in the painting with his back half-turned but his distinctive profile made him unmistakable.

It said Luna "sits jauntily in the center while (Bautista Lin) sits closely to the lady, betraying the most vivid expression of the three."

The catalogue said that a few months after Luna made the painting, Rizal and Bautista Lin would have departed for the Philippines to play their parts in the war for independence against Spain.

By February 1893, Luna himself would depart for Madrid en route to Manila.

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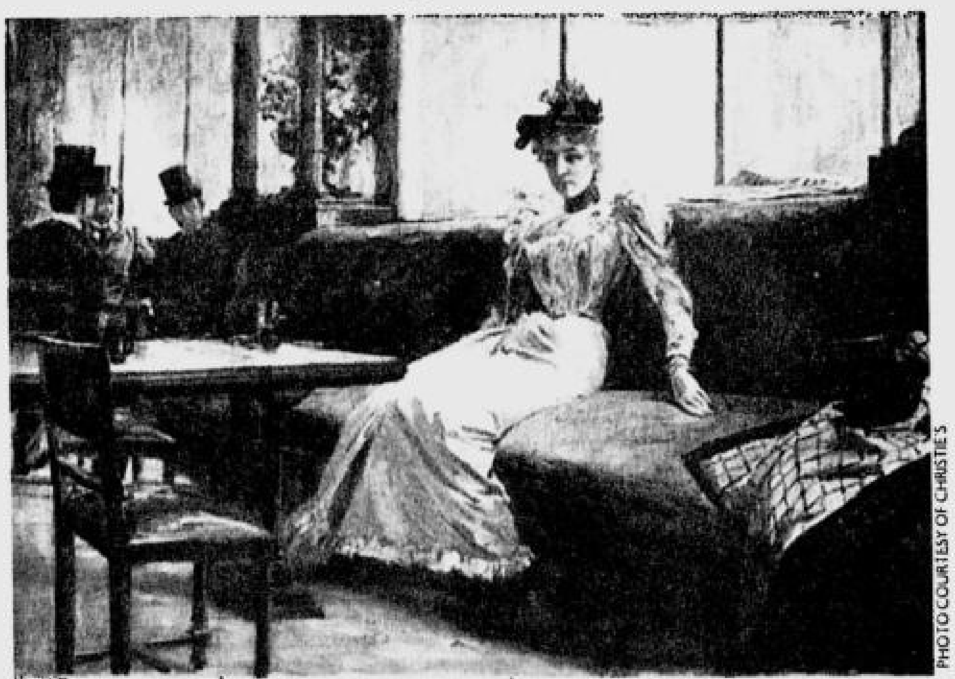

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DELICIOUS slice of "the Parisian Life" of Luna, shown in the far left corner of the painting with close friends Jose Rizal (half-turned back) and Dr. Ariston Bautista Lin, the original owner of this Luna which was with his family for over a century.

Cory endorses People Power to reform education

By Eugenia Duran-Apostol

CRY revolution! Even a conservative like former President Corazon C. Aquino is endorsing it.

So long as it is an education revolution like that launched last week by the Foundation for Worldwide People Power (FWWPP), Ms Aquino is all for it.

In a statement sent to FWWPP, Ms Aquino said, "It is time to use people power to build up our institutions and improve services to our people. We therefore welcome the plan of the Foundation for Worldwide People Power Inc. for an Education Revolution.

"Our country's most numerous and most important resource is its children. If there will be meaningful societal change in our country, therefore, we will have to increase our investment in our nation's children.

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FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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Second FRONTPAGE

One of top 8 Abu Sayyaf leaders?

By TJ Burgonio

FINALLY, a big fish, or is it?

Police intelligence agents have arrested a suspected Abu Sayyaf leader who is said to have been an aide of the bandit group's slain spokesperson, Abu Sabaya, top police officials said yesterday.

National police chief Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., said Mark Bolkerin Gumbahale, who had a P5-million bounty on his head, was arrested early last Thursday in a Muslim community in Taguig.

Intelligence agents reportedly pounced on Gumbahale, 21—also known by his aliases Gumbahali Abu Jumdail, Dr. Abu, Abu Pula and Abdin Jumdain—while playing "counterstrike" outside his house at the Maharlika Village in Taguig at about 11 a.m. on Thursday.

According to Chief Supt. Jaime Caringal, Gumbahale has admitted that he was the Abu Sayyaf leader known by the alias "Dr. Abu."

But Caringal said that they were still verifying if Gumbahale was indeed the Dr. Abu with a P5-million prize for his capture as there were reports of another much older Abu Sayyaf leader, who also went by the alias Dr. Abu, who also had a P5-million prize on his head.

The photo of the older Dr. Abu, with those of other Sulu-based Abu Sayyaf leaders, was included in the military order of battle that was published in the newspapers in May 2001.

"It's possible that two persons are using the same alias," Caringal said. "What's definite is that he (Gumbahale) was a henchman of Abu Sabaya who participated in major operations of the Abu Sayyaf."

Gumbahale was served an arrest warrant issued by a court in Parang, Sulu. in connection with the kidnapping of 21 mostly foreign tourists from the Sipadan resort in Malaysia in 1999. He was charged with kidnapping and illegal detention together with Galib Andang, alias Commander Robot, and other Abu Sayyaf leaders.

An intelligence official said that Gumbahale has admitted during interrogation to having participated in a number of major Abu Sayyaf kidnapping operations, including the Sipadan kidnapping.

He also admitted involvement in the Dec. 30, 2000 bombings in Metro Manila, which killed at least 23 and injured scores of others, the official said in an interview.

"He's one of the top eight Abu Sayyaf leaders with a P5 million prize for his capture," President Macapagal-Arroyo said at a press briefing at the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response headquarters in Camp Crame.

But Gumbahale apparently did not have a hand in last Thursday's twin blasts in Zamboanga City and the bus explosion in Quezon City on Friday night, Caringal said.

The military has accused the Abu Sayyaf of responsibility for the Oct. 2 bomb attack at a videoke bar in Zamboanga City, which killed an American serviceman and two Filipino civilians.

Gumbahale was also known as one of the chief henchmen of Sabaya who was killed in an encounter with the military last June, according to intelligence officials.

"There was picture or a videotape of him carrying a recoilless rifle behind Abu Sabaya when the latter was still alive," said an official, who asked not to be named.

Caringal said that at the time of Sabaya's death Gumbahale was already in Manila. He came here "to lie low" following the government's massive operations to flush out the bandits in Basilan and Sulu, he said.

He said that Gumbahale still cannot believe that Sabaya was killed in a "friendly area," he added.

Caringal said that Gumbahale was part of two teams that carried out the December 2000 bombings.

Quoting the suspect, Caringal said that Gumbahale had spotted Muklis Yunos, the chief of the special operations group of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, during a meeting in Quiapo, Manila, where the bombings were planned.

Yunos, according to intelligence reports, was the local contact of Indonesian Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi, a confessed member of the group Jemaah Islamiyah, tagged by the United States and Singapore and Malaysian authorities as part of the international terrorist network of Osama bin Laden. Al-Ghozi is serving a jail term here after being caught with 1.2 tons of explosives.

Gumbahale was also tagged in the hostage-taking of students in Lamitan and teachers in Malamawi, Basilan in 1999.

He was also one of those who allegedly led the ambush and beheading of seven enlisted men and two officers of the Philippine Army in Cumalang, Basilan. His group also beheaded two civilian hostages who were not able to pay ransom.

Gumbahale admitted that these atrocities were carried out upon the instructions of Abu Sayyaf leaders Khadaffy Janjalani and Sabaya.

P5-M bounty

PHOTO of an older Gumbahali Jumdail alias Dr. Abu which appeared in wanted posters distributed by the military in May 2001.

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WHO'S the real Dr. Abu? President Macapagal-Arroyo and the Philippine National Police present Mark Bolkerin Gumbahale, 21, also known by his aliases Gumbahali Abu Jumdail, Dr. Abu, Abu Pula and Abdin Jumdain.

EDWIN BACASMAS

Kidapawan blast brains in gov't custody–Piñol

By TJ Burgonio

THE ALLEGED mastermind in the Oct. 10 bombing of a Kidapawan City bus terminal, which killed seven people and wounded scores of others, has surrendered to authorities.

North Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol said Datu Musin Mamintal, a former candidate for mayor of Pikit town, turned himself in yesterday to Col. Dardoza Luna, commander of the Army's 602nd Brigade in Carmen, North Cotabato.

Piñol said Mamintal might have felt the heat of the manhunt Task Force Lion Hunter—composed of Army, police and local government personnel—had launched for him.

Piñol announced Mamintal's surrender yesterday at a press briefing at the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (Pacer) headquarters in Camp Crame, Quezon City, during which three other suspects in the bus terminal attack were presented to media.

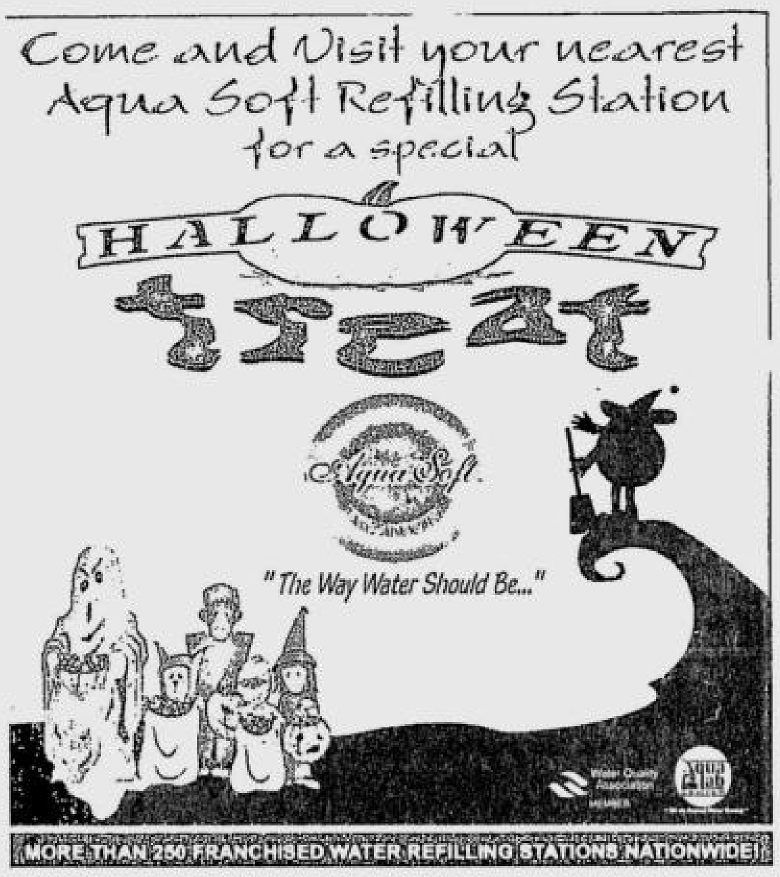
President Macapagal-Arroyo, who was at the briefing, credited the leadership of local government officials for the progress in the investigation into the bombing.

"This shows how effective law enforcement is when local government executives take a leadership role in the fight against terrorism," she said, citing Piñol.

The three bombing suspects who were presented to media were Datu Ali Sultan, Abdulgani Sumama and Uldarico Palma Jr.

Piñol said Sultan implicated Mamintal. Sultan was identified by two witnesses as one of the persons who placed the bomb at the Weena Bus Co. terminal in Kidapawan City.

"He (Sultan) was identified by two women as one of three men who had left the bomb under a concrete bench at the bus terminal. The women were very positive when they identified the suspect," he said.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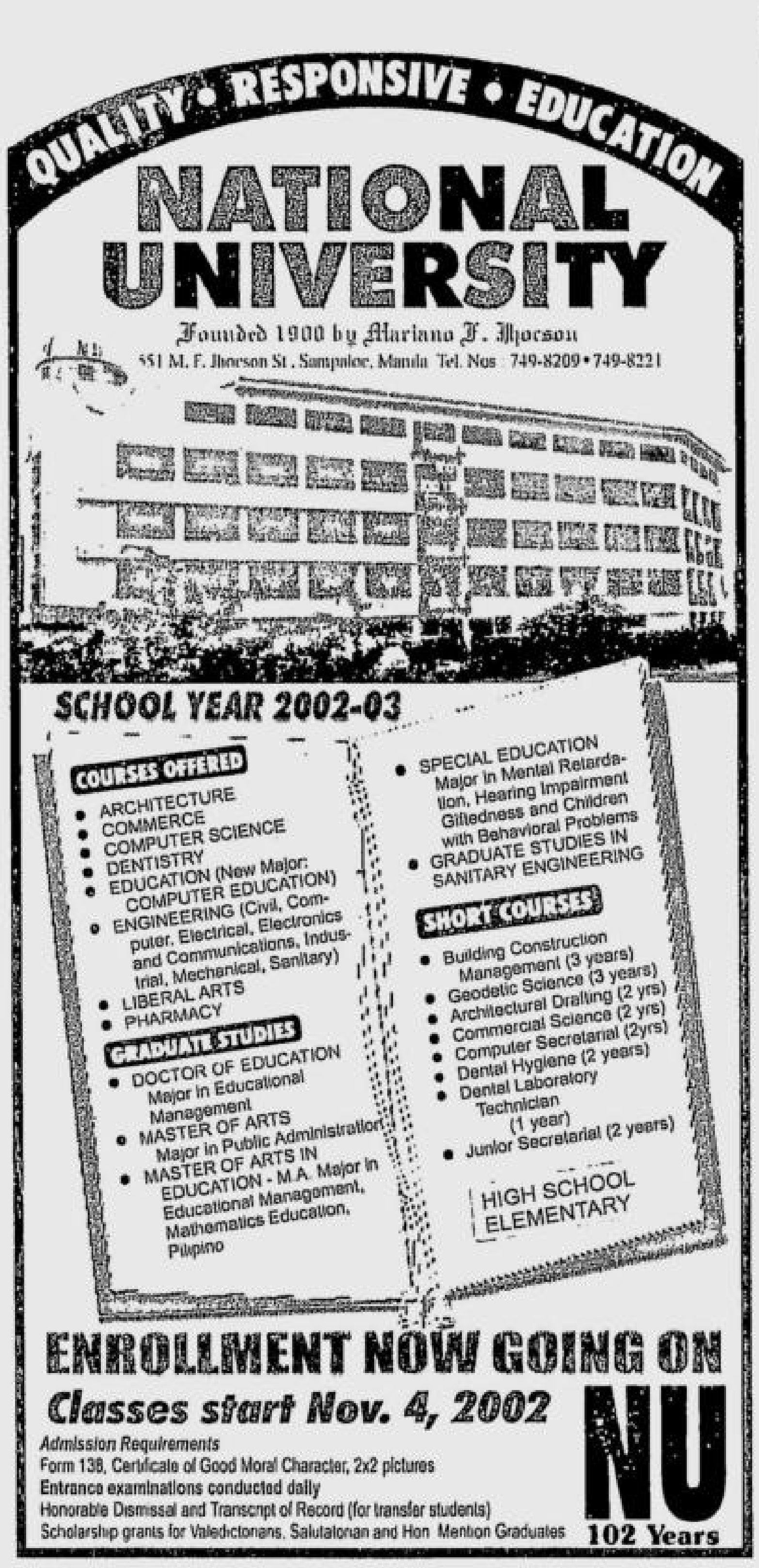
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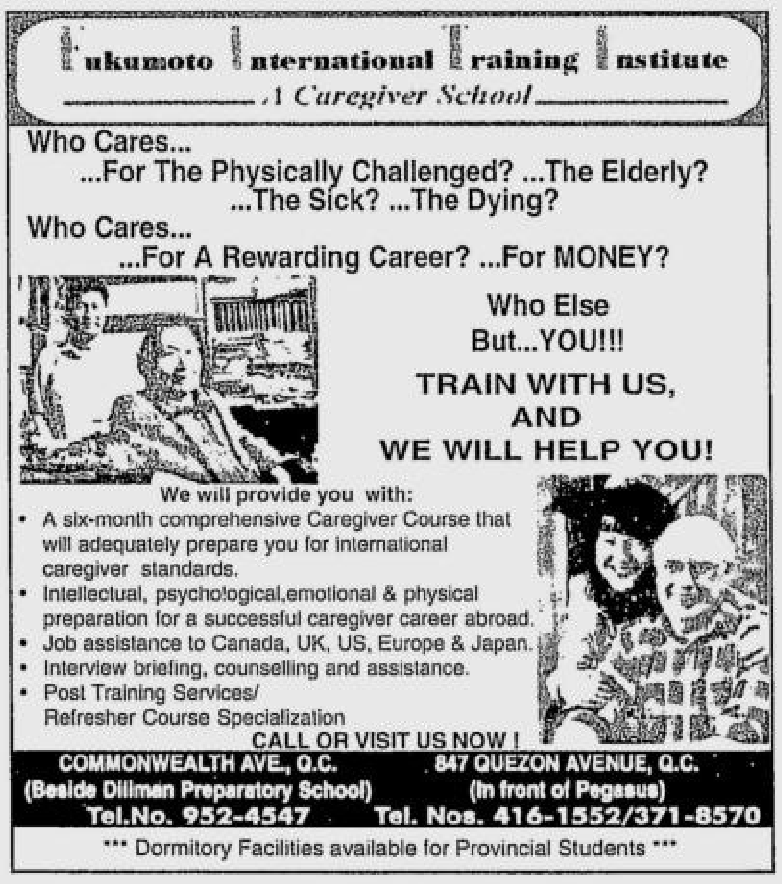
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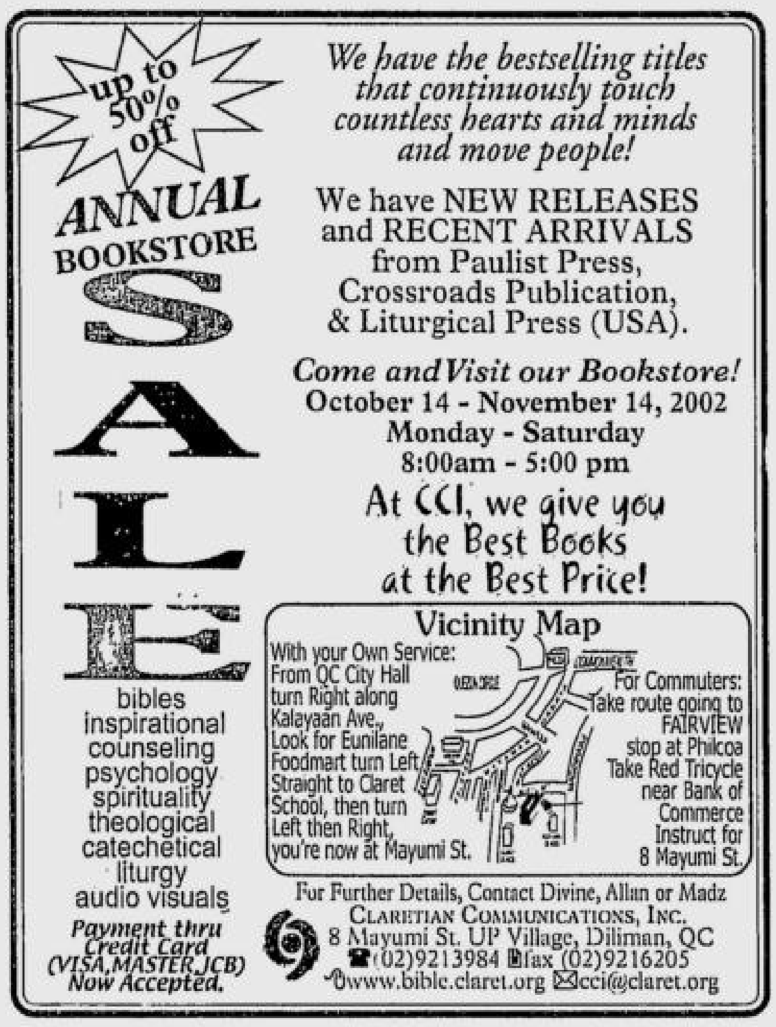
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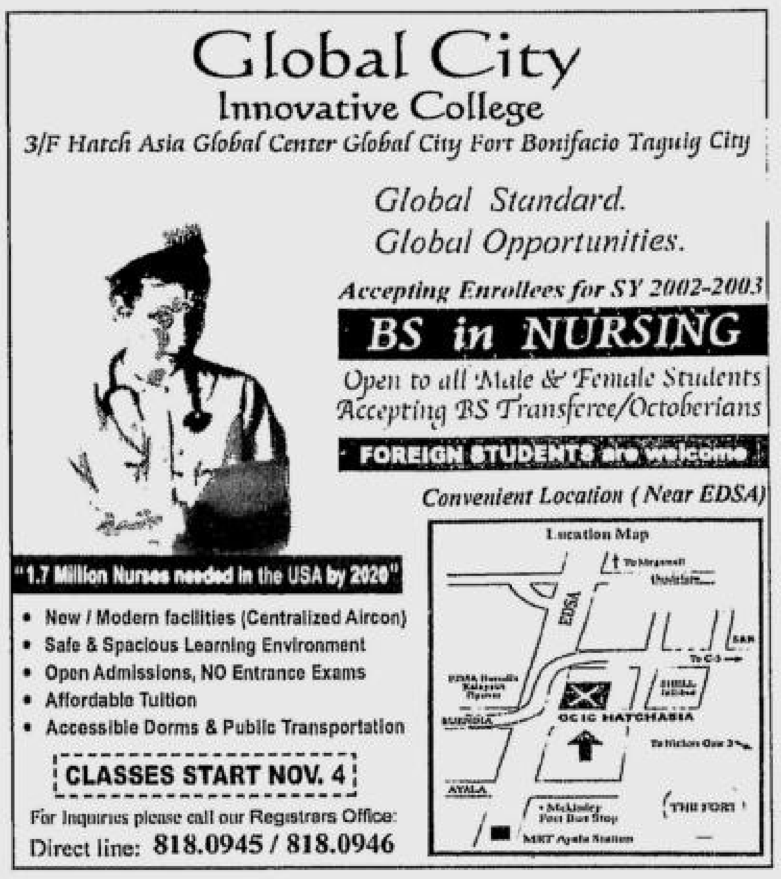
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DSWD stats show 23% decrease in sexual abuse of children

By Volt Contreras

THE DEPARTMENT of Social Welfare and Development has noted a big decrease in reported sex crimes victimizing children in the last two years.

The DSWD recorded a 23-percent drop in reported cases of rape, incest, and acts of lasciviousness involving children, from 2000 to 2001.

From 5,185 cases in 2000, the number went down to 3,980 the following year, according to data obtained by the INQUIRER.

Alma Infante of the DSWD's Monitoring and Planning division said the sharpest rise in reported cases happened from 1998 to 1999, the period that saw heightened public awareness about Leo Echegaray, the first convict to be executed since the revival of capital punishment in 1993.

Echegaray, a house painter, was convicted of raping his daughter and executed by lethal injection on Feb. 5, 1999.

By the end of that year, 5,185 child abuse cases reached DWSD's attention, a big leap from 3,098 cases cited the previous year, Infante noted.

The department also attended to fewer child victims of armed conflict in 2001 than in 2000, during which their number shrunk by 59 percent from 104 to 42.

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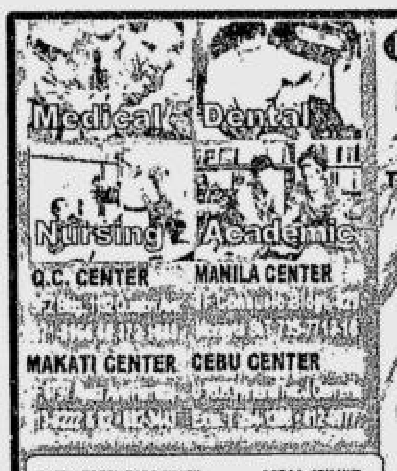

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How to spot a bomb

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wrapping.

4. A ticking sound similar to that of a clock is heard from a baggage, bag, box or parcel.

5. Presence of electric wires, plastic cord and batteries in a baggage, bag or box.

6. Delivery of unexpected package or parcel.

7. Keep in mind that bombs can be constructed to look like almost anything and can be placed or delivered in many ways.

Don'ts

1. Don't panic.

2. Don't touch the suspected incendiary device or bomb.

3. Don't move or attempt to open suspicious or unattended packages.

4. Don't receive any package, bag, box or parcel from strangers.

5. In case of actual explosion, don't tamper with the debris.

Dos

1. Move at least 300 feet away from the bomb.

2. Turn off electrical and gas units when possible.

3. Report immediately the presence of suspicious packages to the building administrator or chief security officer of the establishment or any security guard or uniformed personnel.

4. Call the nearest military or police station.

In case a bomb threat is called in ...

1. Keep the caller on line as long as possible. Record every word spoken by the caller.

2. Ask the caller where the bomb is located and what time it will detonate.

3. Pay attention to background noises, such as motors running or music playing, which may give a clue as to the location of the caller.

4. Listen closely to the caller's voice (male, female), voice quality (calm, excited), accent, speech impediment.

5. Report the information immediately to the authorities.

6. Remain available. Law enforcers will want to interview you.

Contact numbers

In Metro Manila, the public may call 117.

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- NCRPO Tactical Operations Center 929-8591, 925-4823, cell phone 0917-8413752
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- EOD, Camp Crame 721-8544, 723-0401 loc 4514.

In the provinces, contact the chief of police or the fire department. *TJ Burgonio*

Roco welcomes FPJ ...

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2004 presidential election.

He said Poe's popularity "could easily extend help" in his bid to become the country's next president.

Poe is also being tapped by the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino as the opposition's standard bearer, according to Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta.

Poe has previously said that he was not keen on running as president. But he has recently been going to various parts of the country, sparking speculations that he wanted to get a sense of whether he could get enough public support if he opts to run in 2004.

Supporters to decide

Roco, who was in Angeles last Friday to attend the launching of a foundation for the elderly, said it would be his supporters, composed mainly of the youth and women, who would have the last say if they wanted him to team up with Poe.

"That must be decided by the young people and women, but I think that he (Poe) can easily extend help to all of us," he said.

When asked if he would dare face Poe in the presidential race should the opposition succeed in convincing the actor to run, Roco said the surveys show that he has nothing to worry about.

Roco, who resigned from the Cabinet in August, said he is practicing law and going around the country addressing people "who want to listen to my message."

He said he was trying to strengthen Aksyon Demokratiko, the political party that he chairs and had founded in 1998 with the help of volunteers.

Roco said he considers Pampanga as one of his political bailiwicks.

"In fact I beat Erap (ousted President Joseph Estrada) in San Fernando (Pampanga's capital) and he beat me here in Angeles by less than 100 votes. We won in seven towns in Pampanga over Estrada. There are many people who are helping me here in Pampanga," he said.

Asked what would be the most important thing that he would never do in case he becomes president in 2004, Roco said: "I will stop campaigning."

He was referring to allegations that President Macapagal-Arroyo has been campaigning early for the 2004 polls in her frequent visits to different parts of the country and through television advertisements. Ms Macapagal has denied the allegations.

FVR for GMA

Ms Macapagal can rely on former President Fidel Ramos to support her candidacy.

"I am not going to run (for president) in 2004. I will support President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2004," Ramos told reporters in Bacolod City on Friday.

Ramos, however, declined to say more when pressed to explain why he was backing Ms Macapagal.

He instead stressed that the government right now needs all the help it can get to help the economy recover.

Ramos also said that as far as his own political future is concerned, he was already happy being a former president.

"I am happy in my role as ex-president, doing what I'm doing, helping open the doors in foreign countries for business people and workers so they can have better opportunities," Ramos said during a press conference.

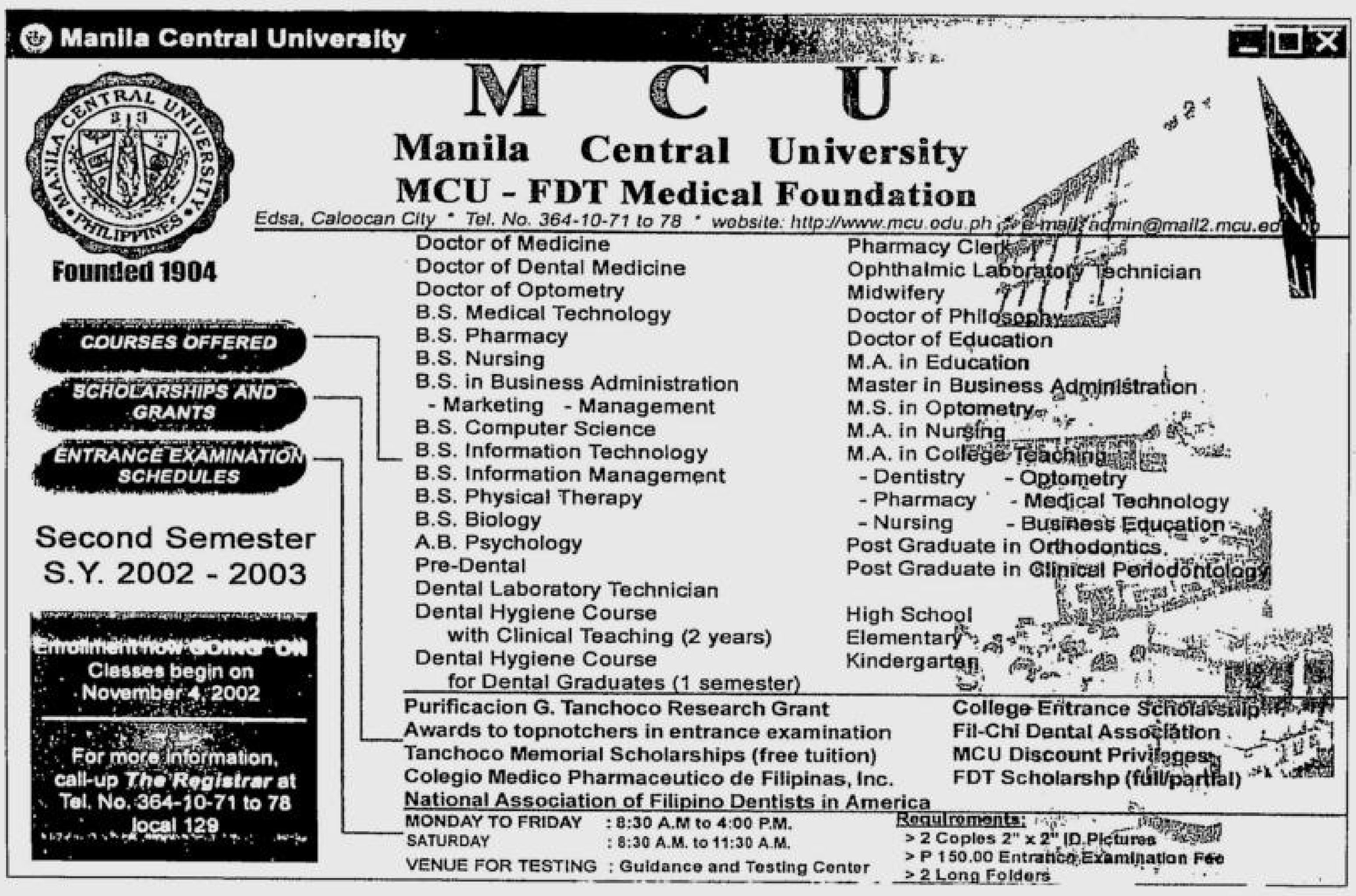
'Don't lose hope'

He said it was too early to talk about politics and told reporters to ask other questions, such as those about the economy.

"We should not lose hope in ourselves and our government," he said.

Ramos also stressed that what he has been doing with the Ramos Peace and Development Foundation "is non-political."

Ramos was in Bacolod to speak before a forum on "Asia-Pacific Development and Trade Opportunities." *With a report from Carla P. Gomez, PDI Visayas Bureau*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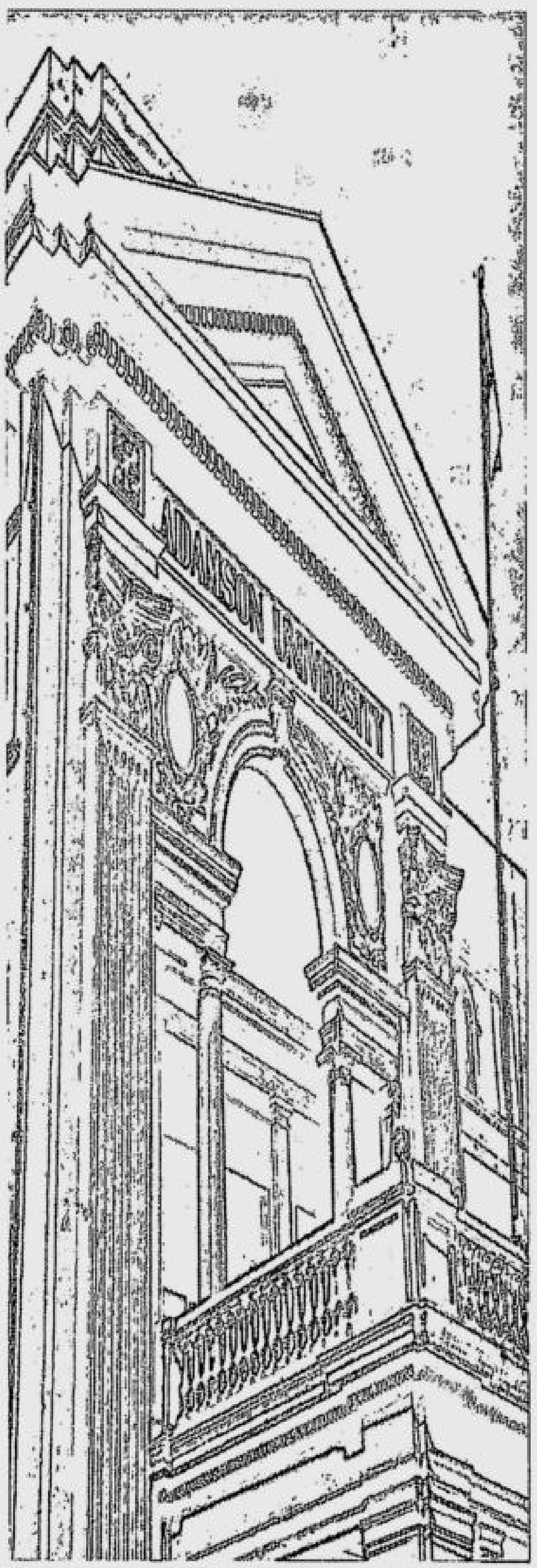

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5 Moro rebels killed in clash with gov't troops

ZAMBOANGA CITY—Five Moro rebels were killed in an assault by government forces in Lanao del Sur yesterday, the military commander said.

Soldiers encountered a combined force of several Moro rebel factions near Mount Pulau in Lanao del Sur, resulting in a running gunbattle that claimed the lives of five guerrillas, Col. Ernesto Boac said.

Boac said the guerrillas included members of the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), the Abu Sayyaf kidnapping gang and even communist rebels who usually do not operate with Moro guerrillas.

His forces recovered four rifles and a grenade launcher in the battle.

"Pursuit is going on," Boac said of the operation which is part of a military offensive launched on Oct. 12 after a huge group of guerrillas were spotted as massing in Lanao del Sur.

The government has signed a ceasefire with the MILF, the main Muslim rebel group, to negotiate for peace but sporadic clashes still take place.

Communist guerrillas, who are also not covered by a ceasefire, are known to have a tactical alliance with the MILF but rarely take part in joint operations with the Muslim group.

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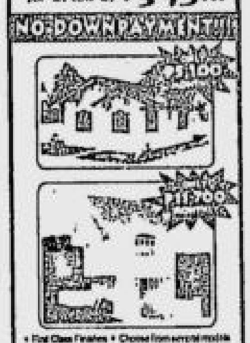

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No lineman dared

THE MANILA Electric Co. was set to cut electric service to the house of Bayan Muna Partylist Rep. Crispin Beltran at 12 noon yesterday, but the deadline went past without any Meralco lineman brave enough to pull the plug.

Ofelia Beltran, the congressman's daughter, said some Meralco linemen arrived in the neighborhood but they pretended to look for other houses. She said some 50 representatives of Power, Kadamay and other groups held vigil in front of the Beltran household on Kaunlaran Street in Commonwealth, Gao, Quezon City, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., ready to do battle with Meralco's wirecutters. But she expects the Meralco linemen to return today.

Beltran was due to arrive from Iraq last night. She said Meralco Commonwealth branch served Beltran a disconnection notice for Oct. 11, with a grace period up to 12 noon yesterday.

Beltran has accumulated a total of P15,000 on his electric bills since April this year, when he took a stand against the payment of the Purchased Power Adjustment. Every month since then, Beltran went to Meralco to pay only the basic charge on his bill but the branch refused to take his under-protest payments.

Juliet Labog-Javellana

JPE: P12B in PPA to pay

FORMER Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile claimed Friday that electricity consumers would have to pay for "under-recovered" purchase power adjustment charges of the Manila Electric Co. amounting to P12.340 billion.

He said Meralco, which stopped PPA collections last June on orders of President Macapagal-Arroyo, would "slowly collect" the under-recovered PPA from consumers. Enrile, who spoke at a press conference Friday after a Senate hearing on Meralco's application for a new franchise, said the P12-billion figure was based on documents submitted by the power utility to the Energy Regulatory Commission. The P12 billion of "under-recovered" PPA was separate from the P14 billion in PPA charges that Enrile said Meralco had collected from its customers from December 2000 to December 2001. Enrile, who has been on a campaign against the Lopez-owned Meralco for its allegedly excessively high charges, renewed his call for the government to take over the operations of Meralco, saying it was "the Filipino people, not the Lopez family" that has been carrying the burden of maintaining the power company.

Rocky Nazareno

COA okayed road project

THE COMMISSION on Audit (COA) had approved the original contract to build the President Diosdado Macapagal Avenue (PDMA) and two other additional orders that were submitted by the Public Estates Authority (PEA).

In an affidavit submitted to the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee (SBRC), COA State Auditor Manuel de la Paz certified that the original contract of P584 million, a variation order and contract price adjustment worth P42.4 million were "found to be reasonable and approved by COA." Two other variation orders are undergoing post-audit by COA. The Senate is conducting an investigation into the alleged overpricing of PDMA by P600 million as alleged by PEA director Sulficio Tagud Jr. In the last Senate hearing Thursday, PEA debunked claims made by opposition Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta that its officials had deliberately withheld information from the SBRC on the P281-million supplemental work on PDMA to build the one-kilometer Bay Boulevard (BB).

Rocky Nazareno

Roco slams ID plan

ANGELES CITY—Former Education Secretary Raul Roco said the government's proposal to adopt a national identification card (ID) to fight terrorism would bring more harm than good. Roco, in an interview before he spoke at the launching of the Makatao-Sonny C. Lao Foundation for the elderly here Friday, said the proposed national ID system "will not solve anything." Roco said Filipinos already have numerous identification cards. "We have the voter's ID, driver's license, Social Security System or Government Service Insurance System cards, we have tax identification numbers. (If you) put them together in a computer system, we'll have a national identification system. A new ID won't help," he said.

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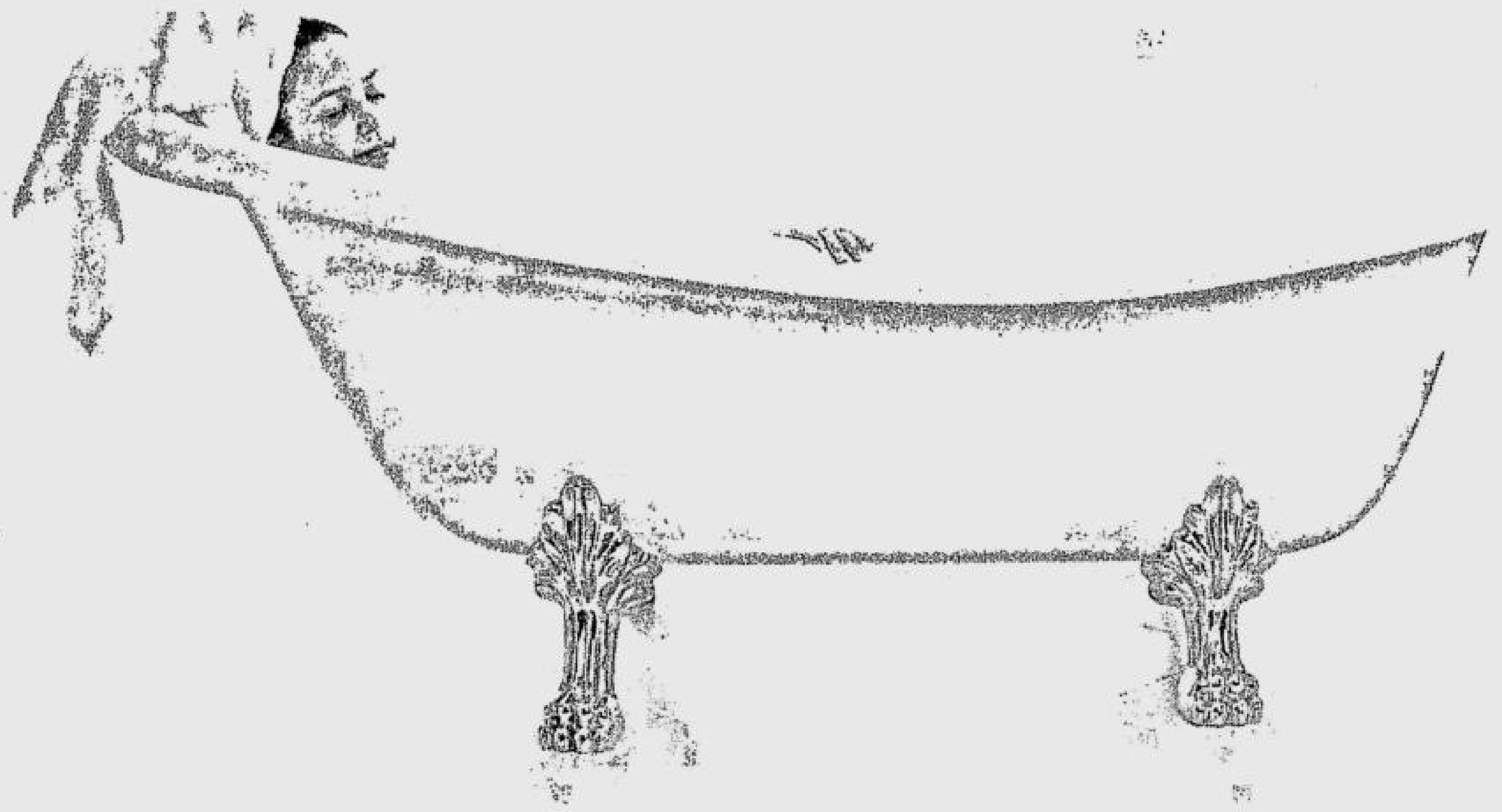

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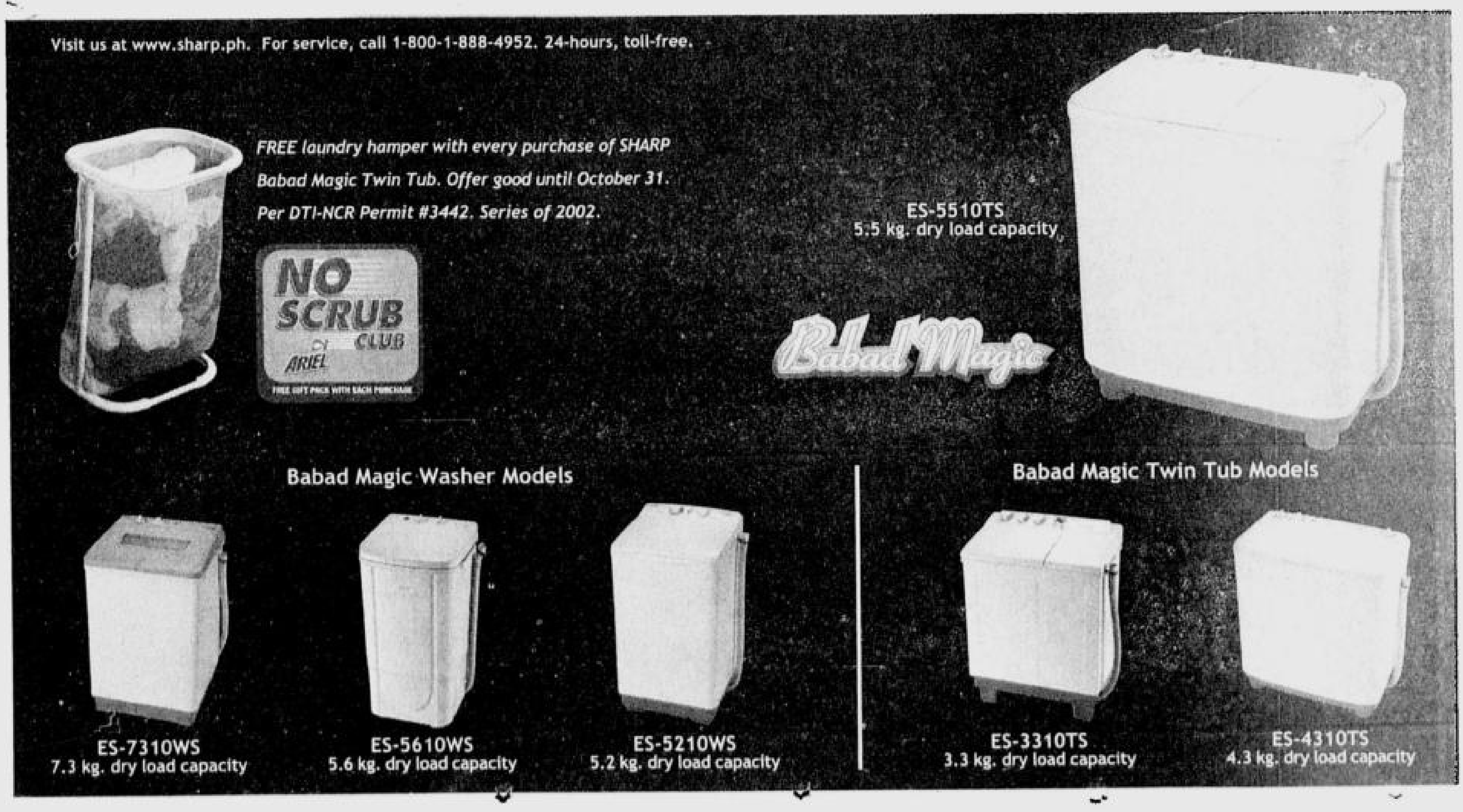

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Stay put, Cimatu mission tells OFWs in Mideast

By Blanche S. Rivera

STAY put. The government mission to the Middle East headed by Gen. Roy Cimatu has told overseas Filipino workers in countries near Iraq not to move out, saying there was no need to evacuate them even if war erupts.

Ramon Tionloc, director of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, said only the Filipinos in Iraq would be evacuated, possibly to Jordan, but would not be repatriated.

He said that the hostilities now were "an entirely different scenario from the Gulf War in 1990" because this involved only two countries—the United States and Iraq—and is expected to be "short and swift."

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NO CRACKDOWN

'Italy won't do a Malaysia'

By Armand N. Nocum

ITALY is not going to do a Malaysia and deport thousands of Filipinos staying illegally in the country.

The Department of Labor and Employment said yesterday the Philippines has been assured by the Italian government there will be no crackdown on the 50,000 undocumented Filipino workers in the European nation.

"There is no chance what happened in Malaysia would take place in Italy because we are a civilized people," Philippine Ambassador to Italy Philippe J. Lhuillier quoted an Italian official as saying.

Tina Amendola, an Italian interior official, assured Lhuiller that Italy had a policy of extending "humane treatment to migrant workers."

Malaysia in the last two months expelled thousands of Filipino illegals in Sabah. The Filipinos were herded into jails before being crowded onto rickety boats to make the dangerous crossing back to the Philippines.

Lhuiller has been meeting with Italian officials since reports came out that Italy planned to deport en masse thousands of undocumented foreign workers after the Nov. 10 deadline for the country's new immigration regularization program.

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We will celebrate the National Correctional Consciousness Week (NCCW) from 20 to 26 October 2002. The celebration will be marked by events and activities by government and non-government organizations that heighten awareness of the plight of our countrymen who are in prison or who have been released to free society as parolees, pardonees or probationers. As in previous years, the NCCW will be capped by the grant of Correctional Excellence Awards, which carry an individual cash prize of P20,000.00, to government workers who have made significant contributions in the field of corrections. This year, the awardees are: RESURRECION S. MORALES of the Bureau of Corrections; RUTH PERUCHO of the Parole and Probation Administration; ARIELITO L. GOMEZ of the DSWD Youthful Offender Rehabilitation and SERAFIN P. BARRETTO of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology. The NCCW will also be marked by a renewed commitment to implement the Jail Decongestion Program that was adopted in the Year 2001 NCCW-sponsored Corrections Summit. Special Action Teams, composed of Public Attorneys, Probation Officers and Prosecutors, have been organized to identify inmates in the highly congested city jails in the national capital region who are eligible for release.

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No stopping sale of rare Luna

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KIM CAMACHO cites law against the export of national treasures.

last major work of Luna from this period," it said.

In 1896, all three would be swept up in the outbreak of the war for independence," it noted.

"Rizal would meet his glorious destiny as a martyr of the Philippine Revolution and pass into history as the Philippines' most beloved hero," it said.

Luna would return to France in 1898 as emissary of the Philippine revolutionary government for its recognition by France. But he died in Hong Kong in 1899 en route to Manila.

Bautista Lin became a noted physician who continued financially supporting the Katipunan up to the Philippine-American war. He served as an influential confidante to succeeding generations of Filipino leaders, it said.

Passionately Filipino

It said the painting captured the "intangible ideas of the Filipino national consciousness."

"The painter, novelist and doctor were above all avant-garde thinkers of their time. Dressed in European top hats and coats, with an air of exuberant self-confidence as they enjoy a moment in a Parisian café, the three gentlemen have embraced the western lifestyle while remaining passionately Filipino at heart," it said.

This is the Luna that's slipping away from the country.

Impeccable provenance

Christie's said Parisian Life has "remained an elusive treasure of impeccable provenance, having remained in the hands of the original owner, Dr. Ariston Bautista Lin, and his family for over a century since it was painted."

But it noted that: "Interestingly, the painting was illustrated in the book, Juan Luna, the Filipino as Painter published in 1980 by the Eugenio Lopez Foundation and was then recorded as "whereabouts unknown."

It said the work was known to have been publicly exhibited only once, at the St. Louis Exposition world fair of 1904 when it won a silver medal.

Private

It is the fact that the painting is privately owned which makes it difficult for the National Museum to deal with the impending auction.

The fate of the painting was made public only when Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta questioned Kim Camacho about allegedly blocking its shipment for the Christie's auction.

But even the National Museum is in a quandary on how to deal with the sale.

No export permit

National Museum Director Corazon Albina said the owners of the painting did not obtain an export permit from the National Museum.

She said collectors of cultural properties should register these with the National Museum and obtain an export permit before such items are taken out of the country.

But she refused to say if the Luna shipment to Hong Kong was illegal.

"I don't want to say it's illegal. You cannot compel private people to register (their collections)," she said in a brief phone interview. She refused to comment further.

National Museum consultant John Silva cautioned the National Museum against getting involved in the row.

"This is a very ticklish situation that we don't want to get into because the one who is most vocal in objecting is representing Sotheby's, the rival of Christie's," Silva said.

"A clear case of conflict of interest on Kim Camacho's part since she is working for Sotheby's," Silva added.

Finance Secretary Camacho admitted that his wife had called up the Bureau of Customs, which is under the finance department, when she heard about the planned sale of Parisian Life.

"What is wrong with a Filipino calling the attention of the appropriate agency to prevent a violation of the country's laws," Camacho said

In her opposition, Kim Camacho cited a law that bans the shipment of art that's over a 100 years old.

"I think it is the duty of every Filipino regardless of who she or he is, for whom he or she works for and to whom he or she is married to, must be responsible in upholding the law," he added.

Bambi Harper of the National Conservation Society doubts if the Luna painting has in fact been classified a national treasure to enable the government to prevent its export and sale.

"As far as I know, nothing in private ownership has been declared a national treasure," Harper said.

Loopholes

Harper said that because of loopholes in the law, it was difficult to track down potential national treasures in private hands, much less to register them.

Silva also doubts if a Marcos presidential decree could be enforced.

Silva said the permission of the director of the National Museum is required before cultural treasures are brought out of the country.

That is, if such pieces have really been declared national treasures.

Albina is reportedly still planning to convene a committee to make a determination of what are the country's cultural treasures.

"In the past, the National Museum can intervene and take a forceful stand against the (export) of treasures that are state-owned," Silva said.

But he noted that aside from being privately owned, the Luna painting has not been listed as a cultural treasure despite its obvious significance to the country.

Silva said it was difficult to enforce the ban against works of art owned by private individuals.

"There is no enforcement. The museum can only counsel the owner (against selling period pieces)," he said.

Presidential Decree 374, the Cultural Properties Preservation Act issued by President Ferdinand Marcos in 1974, sought to regulate the movement and required "limited registration" of important cultural properties and designated national cultural treasures.

Under this law, the director of the National Museum is required to undertake a census of the important cultural properties and may require private collectors to register their collections with the museum.

The director is also authorized to convene a panel of experts to designate what are "national cultural treasures" or important cultural properties."

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Packing 'em in

EDITORIAL

AN APPOINTMENT to the Supreme Court is not a canonization. We do not expect candidates to produce two miracles as proof of saintliness; we only expect them to be lawyers of integrity.

(That, as some wags will quickly point out, is miracle enough.) By appointing former presidential legal counsel Adolf Azcuna to the Supreme Court, the President last week sent a clear signal: in her so-called strong republic, she will choose realpolitik over the miraculous anytime.

On the face of it, Azcuna is a virtuous man, but he cannot yet adequately explain two controversial episodes in his practice as an eminent lawyer. The first has to do with his alleged fronting for Imelda Marcos' powerful brother, Ambassador Benjamin "Kokoy" Romualdez, early in the 1980s. The other involves his flawed legal opinion favoring the controlling stockholders in Manila Bulletin in 1995, which essentially held that the sequestered shares in question were not "ill-gotten wealth" of the Marcoses-although they really were, as the Sandiganbayan eventually ruled this year.

There has been an exchange of views between Bantay Katarungan, a non-government organization led by former Senate President Jovito Salonga and serving as a resource of the Judicial and Bar Council, and Azcuna. But it is only fair to say that, even as a majority of the JBC's members voted for him for the first time in several nominations, the matter has not been resolved in the public's perception.

At least three factors explain the lack of resolution. Salonga's cohesive opposition raises uncomfortable questions. The episodes involve the worst excesses of crony capitalism during a sordid chapter in our history. And President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision appears hasty—a gambit to force the issue, rather than resolve it. Between 2001 and 2004, the President will appoint more members of the Supreme Court than her immediate predecessors; she is not exactly lacking for the opportunity to appoint Azcuna, if he can satisfy the public's need for a convincing explanation. She is also not lacking for well-qualified alternative candidates. Why the rush to judgment?

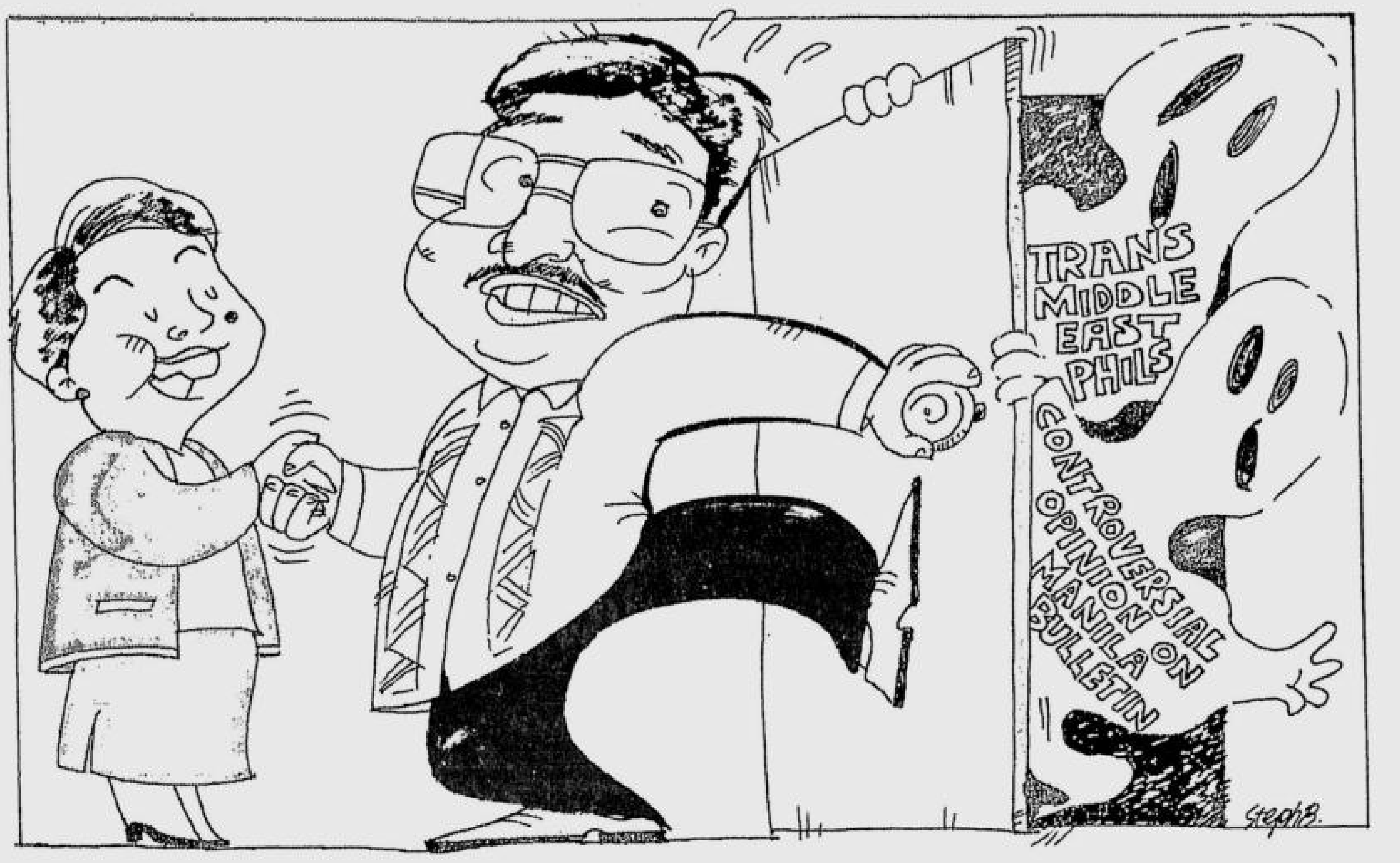
A political experiment of US President Franklin Roosevelt's comes to mind. In the mid-1930s, Roosevelt famously hatched a plan to override the conservative majority in the US Supreme Court blocking his New Deal reforms. His idea was simple: expand the nine seats on the court to as many as 15. Criticism eventually killed his plan in Congress, but his attempt to "pack the court" eventually shifted the tide in favor of the liberals on the court.

In the context of Ms Macapagal's other major constitutional appointments (Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, for one; Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo, for another), Azcuna's posting cannot but be perceived as a kind of court-packing—a crowding of the corridors of power with men and women with a special reason to be beholden to the appointing power.

In the case of Azcuna, the reason is self-evident: he has been chosen despite concerns that would have sunk the candidacies of lesser mortals. (Azcuna comes recommended by former President Corazon Aquino and former Constitutional Commission chair Cecilia Muñoz Palma—two key allies of the President.)

This is not to say that justices of the high court cannot be independent of the presidents who placed them there, as the example of the late Great Dissenter Claudio Teehankee and current Chief Justice Hilario Davide prove. But surely President Macapagal owes the court which recognized the legitimacy of her assumption of power a higher measure of devotion. The Marcos cases have not yet been resolved; when they reappear on the Supreme Court's docket, the high tribunal will suffer the consequences of the President's hasty decision.

By appointing Azcuna now, before the issues facing him can be fully explained to the public's satisfaction, the President has weakened the high court's hand when it comes time to deal with the Marcos cases, the most important pending cases in our history. At best, Azcuna will have to inhibit himself, wasting a seat on the bench. At worst, he will participate in decisions that, precisely because of his participation, will lack for credibility.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CONTROVERSIAL OPINION ON MANILA BULLETIN
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Sotto and Saddam

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THIS is my reply to Sen. Vicente Sotto III's letter to the editor the other week. The *masa* that revolted against Spain was not led by vacuous actors but by patriotic thinkers; the *bakya* crowd that joined Edsa I and II was only a small portion of the masses from all callings who ousted Marcos and Estrada over the objection of the entertainers in general, including himself; his election as Senate minority leader was not a recognition of his superior competence over many of his abler colleagues; his suggestion that Susan Roces would make a good First Lady reveals the superficiality of his mind; his bullying of the security guard on behalf, he said, of the poor people who would be barred from visiting their rich relatives was pure hypocrisy unbecoming a public official; his topping of the Senate elections has not placed him on the intellectual level of Jose P. Laurel, Jovito R. Salonga, Ferdinand Marcos, Camilo Osias and other cerebral solons; and neither Fernando Poe Jr. nor he has irrevocably denied any electoral ambitions in 2004, with the backing of their mindless fans.

That done, let us now turn to more serious matters than the pretensions of the handsome senator, whose wife will also make a lovely First Lady if and when.

Many people except his fellow Arabs regard Saddam Hussein of Iraq as a reprobate ruler who has enslaved his own subjects and murdered his enemies to stay in power. He unsuccessfully invaded Kuwait in 1990 and is again endangering the world with the imminence of war over his secret stockpiling of weapons of mass destruction.

As the potential target of such armaments, the United States feels especially threatened. Saddam had earlier frustrated the inspection teams sent by the United Nations to locate his hidden armories. The United States is skeptical about his recent decision to allow a new UN inspection that President Bush says will be another farce. At his request, the US Congress, by a preponderant majority including the Democratic opposition, has authorized Bush to wage war against Iraq.

Until the adoption of the United Nations Charter in 1945, international law permitted the waging of a "just war" or a *bellum justum* to punish an international delict. Now, however, the world organization is categorically committed to the outlawry of war, which "twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind." The Charter now allows the use of force only in the exercise of the inherent right of self-defense and as enforcement action decreed by the Security Council.

The United States has proposed such action but this will require the consent of at least nine members of the Security Council, including the Big Five consisting of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Russia and China. Any one of these states can veto and thus kill the proposal, this being a non-procedural (or important) matter requiring their unanimous concurrence. The United States can count only on the support of the United Kingdom to date, with the others likely to vote against.

Lacking UN authorization, the United States is nonetheless determined to take preemptive action against Iraq in defense of its own security. Defensive war is not prohibited under the law of nations and the UN Charter. Cowboy Bush is a believer in the code of the west that being faster on the draw will kill the shooter at the other end.

The current anxiety is when the United States will commence hostilities against Iraq.

The traditional view is that defensive action can be taken only in the face of an "armed attack" by the other party that will raise "the necessity of self-defense, instant, overwhelming, leaving no choice of means and no moment for deliberation." The right may be exercised only upon a clear showing of a grave and actual danger to the security of the state and not a mere apprehension of such danger.

But this rather idealistic concept has not received wide support if the practice of states is any indication. Although Grotius, the father of international law, inveighed against mere anticipation of aggression as a ground for self-defense, his view has been eroded by the more practical consideration that, in this modern age where technological advances in weaponry can cause instant victory or defeat, the best defense is offense.

President Bush is convinced that the United States is in actual danger from Saddam unless it takes immediate and decisive action to disarm him. But despite the tyrant's well-known demonic character, many countries are not ready to support Bush's unilateral intention to attack Iraq. They would rather await the decision of the Security Council on this matter that will affect not only the United States and Iraq but the entire world as well.

This consensus is a gratifying manifestation of the widespread faith of the international community in the United Nations, but it may also reveal a dangerous naiveté about the realities of world politics. Russia, China and France may have their own reasons, not necessarily altruistic, for siding with Saddam. Meanwhile, the only defensive action allowed the United States is to be on double red alert while helplessly sitting on a time bomb.

N.B. In last Saturday's column, "it's" was incorrectly used in "its non-decision," and last Sunday, "deteriorated public faith" came out "determined public faith." Also wrong, but don't look at me!

Beyond me. . .

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Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

A RABBI was once asked how he divided the collection he gets from his church services. "Oh that's easy. After the service, I throw the collected money upwards. That which stays up there belongs to God. That which comes down belongs to me," was his short, smart reply!

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The Gospel today speaks about rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar's, and rendering to God what is God's. (Mt. 22,15-21) The fact is that everything belongs to God. Even our very life comes from God. But we often think we can outsmart Him when we leave Him out of our lives. We often do not render unto Him what is His, and appropriate for ourselves the time, the talents, the treasures which He has given unto us. Do not ever think that you can manipulate God, or outsmart Him. He has the final say. He holds the final accounting. So, when will you stop playing God in your life and allow God to be God?

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There are some people who are so selfish and so self-centered. They have no sense of giving. Only getting. They actually believe that unto them only belong the power, the honor and the glory. Like this one person I met at a party once. For five minutes or so he kept talking about himself, his achievements, his opinions, etc. I just kept quiet and listened. After a while, he noticed how he was monopolizing the conversations, so he said "How about you Father Orbos? What do you think...about me and about what I just said?" Wow! For some people, it's just **I, me** and **myself** all the way!

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The ability to go beyond oneself and not to grab anything for oneself is what we surely need in our country today. I spent four years as a missionary in South Korea, and I admire the discipline they have as a people and their strong sense of nationalism. "URI NARA"—our country is a constant refrain on the lips of everyone young or old. In the Philippines, we talk or think much in terms of our family, our clan, our company, but hardly about our country. We will never have a better Philippines unless and until we learn to really sacrifice for our country and for our common good. This sense of sacrifice for our country must begin with our politicians and government officials.

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Remember the story about a man who prayed so hard for P100 which he badly needed? On his way out of the church, for unknown reasons, a policeman just handed him P50, just like that. He went back to the church and thanked God for answering his prayers. And he ended his prayer with a request: "Lord, please, next time you give me P100, please don't let it pass through a policeman." We often laugh at this joke, but the truth is that a lot of our politicians and those in the government do not render unto the people what rightfully belongs to the people. In plain and simple terms, politicians and government officials, please stop pocketing the money of our people. Don't deprive them of what is rightfully, morally and legally theirs. Remember that there will be a final accounting. You will be answerable for the money you have stolen from the people.

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It is autumn now in Korea. It is a beautiful time of the year when the rice fields are ready for harvest and the trees are laden with fruits. The Koreans have a beautiful custom of not harvesting everything in the fields and leaving some fruits in the trees so that the animals and the birds will have something to eat when the cold winter comes. Yes, let us render unto nature what is nature's. Let us take care of our land, our natural resources. Let us be considerate of Mother Nature, and she will be there for us and for the children, long after we are gone.

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One person I know who renders unto God what is God's, is the visionary Julia Kim in Naju, Korea whom we just met. She is a victim soul who suffers for the sake of others. She suffers not only physical pain, but persecution as well. In spite of opposition and slanders, she continues to spread the Blessed Mother's message of love and conversion. What struck me and the 43 Filipino pilgrims with me was her simplicity and joy in spite of suffering and persecution. And she obeys in humility what the local church has imposed upon her. One sure sign that a visionary or a religious leader is authentic is the presence of suffering in that person's life along with joy, humility and obedience. Do we see these in our so-called religious and civic leaders? Who of them really suffer? Who of them really sacrifice? Who of them really go beyond themselves?

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Think about it: We all will finish life. That's for sure. Whether we will finish life well, that depends on a lot of things and considerations. But, whether we finish life well or not, let's just make sure that we will finish life grateful and happy. And that depends on us.

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A moment with the Lord:
Lord, remind me always to go beyond myself to reach out to you and to others, especially those in need. Amen.

Away from politics and into education

COMMENTARY

Asuncion David Maramba

AT THE LAUNCH of the "Education Revolution" by the Foundation for Worldwide People Power, founding president Eugenia D. Apostol started with a striking phrase: "away from politics, in the direction of education." The FWWPP is not known to hesitate over political action. That it now veers "away from politics" to peace-time movements is significant.

It would be a dream come true if the FWWPP were setting aside political action because there is no longer need for it. But such is not the case. Simply put, political action by concerned citizens no longer seems to lead anywhere. The FWWPP echoes the feelings of an almost exhausted civil society thwarted at almost every turn by politics and politicians.

We've given up on politicians, this predatory breed sniffing on anything it can pick clean, and dirtying the once honorable career called politics. "Away from politics" tells us to our face what you and I have become progressively desperate about: there is almost nothing to expect from politicians. They are the ruination of this country and they couldn't care less. Who has not heard or said that our country is going to the dogs! The signs of gloom and doom surround us. Even a moron can tick them off.

Worst of all is the feeling of defeat enveloping us. FPJ will sweep the elections if he so desired. Estrada will be rehabilitated. We'll never recover the Marcos loot. We'll never make it. We're looking to this bleak future as if it were destiny. The disease is seeping into our collective marrows. Dick Gordon is about the only optimistic bone in my body.

The despair is going too far. We look to the rare likes of Chief Justice Hilario Davide, to new appointees Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo and Education Secretary Edilberto de Jesus to lift us off the ground. The cycle must stop.

The FWWPP would bypass this barren political path and lead us "into the direction of education," right into the heartland of education as it is in most of the country, through a gem of a movie directed by Gil Portes. "Mga Munting Tinig," the story of "a teacher who tries to make a difference" is a movie that hurts, because the truth hurts.

Through five teachers, there go "all" our teachers—their broken English, their deficient training, their best efforts, their being perennially hard-up. There they are—teachers as last choice, teachers turned domestics abroad, teachers *lang*.

There are our schools—under the trees, dripping wet after a rain, no funds, no books, drab and dilapidated. There are our schoolchildren—sharing uniforms, fighting over books, teasing each other, absent at planting season, caring for siblings, too soon bearing the burdens of their parents but managing to have fun and be happy.

There they all are—resilient, romantic, lighthearted despite hardships, farmers by day and rebels by night, hopelessly colonial, poor. And there is our countryside, our eyes panning over fields, streams and hills. Do we realize that ours is one of the lushest, greenest and loveliest countrysides in the world? Alas, in the movie as in other parts of the country, the bucolic is marred by bullets in the night, by a pall that we are poor.

This is the way education is in the provinces and in dense areas in the cities. The movie does exceedingly well in holding the mirror before us, even for us, used to fine schools and jaded by stereotypes and statistics of our public school system. In its utter simplicity the movie is an unadorned solitaire, a pure one-karat diamond which can bring back a gleam in our eyes and a feeling in our hearts—enough to push us to join this Education Revolution.

Are you among the depressed and the desperate who think this country is already beyond saving? Are you wondering whether you can do something despite our sinking political scenario? Are you looking for a cause with which to share your wealth, now becoming a burden and of little meaning to you? Are you a group of women who want to do more than have lunch together? A group of men or women who feel they have untapped talents that they want to test? A retiree or retirees who still want to be challenged? A *barkada* of young men and women raring to serve? An organization or aggrupation under the umbrella of "civil society" tired of politics, of marches, vigils, boycotts, campaigns? A corporation or a multinational with a social conscience? Do you want to do something hands-on and direct? Are you an individual, a group or an entity in search of a project in which the fruits of your labor will not be waylaid by big-time and small town politicians? Are you a politician who can forget being one and come a-calling with conscience and caring?

Then, walk to your nearest public school, or locate the poorest school in your area or visit the school in the old hometown. This service is do-it-yourself. The FWWPP will show you how.

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Of laws, health and condoms

AT LARGE

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BEIJING—Asked at a session on HIV/AIDS at the 7th General Assembly of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development on how to get people to volunteer for HIV-testing, Sen. Johnny Flavier replied with facts and a story.

First, he said, it had been established that mandatory testing was not only not effective, it was also counterproductive. People who had reason to fear they were HIV positive were convinced to go for testing only after "we made clear that all data would be confidential." But before this could happen, the public first had to be aware of the disease, its nature, its method of contagion and how one could prevent its spread.

Early in the campaign to inform the public about HIV/AIDS, said Flavier, "I was accused to making up the disease to promote the condom for family planning." Most of the accusations came from Church people and conservative laity, but as the campaign of vilification strengthened, so did the resolve of people living with HIV/AIDS to get involved in Flavier's efforts. "They came to me and said, 'What do they mean you're making up the disease? We're here, we have AIDS, we are real.'" So people living with HIV/AIDS began to "out" themselves, allowing their names and faces to be revealed, and their stories told. "They became very effective and powerful advocates," Flavier noted, "and their talks and testimonies, they had tremendous impact on the public."

But the Department of Health could not stop at just telling the stories of people living with HIV/AIDS. "The stories of the PWAs were about people and sad stories. But it was not about science, or about knowing what to do."

So this was how Flavier conceptualized the "ABCs" of safe sex, and in hindsight, he says that "while the ABCs got me in trouble with the Catholic Church, the people were able to get the message that, on a more concrete level, condoms simply stand for protection. I even remember that my counterpart from Thailand, Mr. Metchai, sent me a bouquet of 'flowers' made from condoms to express his support to our crusade against AIDS. With it came a card which said: 'Mr. Flavier, you are a bright star in the dark days of ignorance in the fight against AIDS—Metchai.'" The gesture, said the senator, was deeply appreciated.

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MAINLY because of his high-profile public health campaigns and skillful use of the media to generate public support for health programs, Flavier became a household word, so popular that he was soon enticed to enter politics. Today, he says "one of the reasons I left the DOH and decided to run for the Senate was my desire to ensure that the gains we had made in the health sector will remain unchanged once another secretary of health is appointed and a new set of policies and priorities are set in place."

One of the legislative initiatives dear to this heart and high on his agenda was a law on HIV/AIDS, a law that would protect the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and establish a comprehensive approach to HIV/AIDS, including public awareness and education programs, guidelines to health professionals, and the institutionalization of the Philippine National AIDS Council.

"I knew the secret to passing the law was to be there among the senators," Flavier told the AFPPD delegates. The passage of the bill was marked by obstacles and intense questioning from other senators. But he says he took the debates as "opportunities to re-educate my colleagues."

As was the case with much of his stint as health secretary, including being denounced in Luneta by Jaime Cardinal Sin who declared that Flavier should have a millstone tied around his neck and be thrown out to sea, the Church expectedly launched a vilification campaign against him when he ran for the Senate.

"You need to have the courage to really fight on," he declared. "Despite their announcement that they were going to make me lose, I still won. So their touted power is not that strong. Without their realizing it, our campaign of persuasion and health education had begun to seep in."

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THE COUNTRY'S AIDS law is considered a model for other countries not just in Asia and the Pacific, but around the world. But even Flavier says it is still flawed, especially in its implementation.

Among the areas that need beefing up: implementation by local government units, including a system "to hold the non-complying local officials accountable at the same time reward those that have complied; budgeting for the treatment, care and support of a person living with HIV, including ensuring access to anti-retrovirals even by the poor; and continuing research on HIV/AIDS itself.

But Flavier has words of caution to legislators who may believe the passage of a "model law" can protect a country entirely from the AIDS epidemic.

"AIDS is a global epidemic and no one country is safe. We cannot afford to be complacent even if the figures we see within our own countries are lower compared to our neighbors. AIDS knows no borders. Therefore, when we craft laws, we must look beyond our borders to see how our own laws help in putting a stop to the spread of AIDS. We may even need to consider harmonizing our laws in order to have the greatest impact on putting a stop to the spread of AIDS."

AIDS is a global problem, and just because the Philippines has what's been called a "low and slow" AIDS problem, doesn't mean we aren't even now sowing the seeds of a full-blown AIDS crisis. For one, there are the over one million Filipinos living and working in practically every corner of the world, all with the potential of bringing home HIV along with boom boxes and cans of corned beef.

The message of bombs

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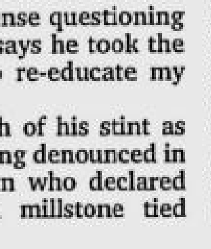

Randy David

UNLESS a group claims outright responsibility for them, the task of dealing with terror bombs has to begin with deciphering the message they are meant to convey or the scenario they are trying to create. We must assume that terrorists intend not only to scare or sow panic but, more importantly, to deliver a message. This is a task that has become very difficult because terrorists today seldom claim authorship of their deed.

The police know that the message can usually be read from the nature of the target, the places where the incidents occur, the mode of execution and the magnitude of the harm that is inflicted. All of these imply some calculation in the performance of what may appear as senseless acts. From a study of the methods used, investigators might deduce the objectives of these violent performances. Understanding these objectives would allow the rest of us to deal with these threats to public safety more effectively.

The deciphering of the meaning and intention of these acts is crucial, yet it is often hampered by the tendency of public officials and opinion leaders to use these events to score quick political points against their favorite enemies. They think that serious analysis of terrorist messages implies a tacit recognition of their validity. Those who attempt to understand its possible roots or to locate it in a broader context are sometimes criticized as rationalizing terrorism. It often seems that the only permitted response to terrorism is to condemn its cowardliness and to highlight the injury it causes to innocent victims. Yet all this means little to terrorists unless, in mobilizing public opinion against them, we have an idea of who they are, what objectives they represent and who their audience is.

The most stupid thing we can do is to jump to conclusions and to launch preemptive actions with the end in view of taking control of the situation. In the case of the Zamboanga and Metro Manila bombings that have killed and injured many innocent people, for instance, the obvious suspects are the remnants of the Abu Sayyaf or other Muslim militants who may be seeking to divert the government's attention from the massive military campaign now being launched against various armed groups in Mindanao. It is difficult to tell if these are the same elements that bombed the LRT in December 2000. That particular incident has not been sufficiently explained either even if some arrests had been made.

The Islamic fundamentalist hand of the al-Qaida seems so easy to spot in these times, yet no coherent account of the motives that guide it has been presented nor has the existence of the al-Qaida as a worldwide clandestine network been convincingly established. We have been operating on the basis of a picture of the world that has been pieced together from the fears, prejudices and strategic interests of official America. Our security officials appear to have uncritically adopted this view, based on a presumed identity of interests with the United States. In the process, we may have put ourselves precisely in that situation where we become suitable targets of those who oppose US global policies.

Even so, a coordinated al-Qaida conspiracy in the region seems to me farfetched. I would not presume any necessary connection between the Bali bombing in Indonesia and the recent bombings in the Philippines. The situations in the two countries are not comparable, and therefore the objectives of the bombings could be very different.

The Bali bombing targeted a predominantly Western crowd of tourists on a holiday in a part of Indonesia that is not Muslim. It is the first time that foreign tourists have been singled out for attack anywhere in Indonesia. The message seems clear: free Indonesia from the corruption engendered by Western modernity and tourism. This is a message that has been gaining resonance among young Indonesians in the last 20 years, when Islamic revivalism began to assume the place previously occupied by Sukarno' s secular nationalism. Its objective seems to be to provoke more overt foreign intervention in Indonesia and thus consolidate and radicalize the country's Islamic community.

Except for the Zamboanga City incident, which killed an American soldier and wounded another, the bombings in the Philippines do not seem to convey the same anti-foreign message. The victims in Manila are all ordinary civilians. The objective seems to be not so much to deliver a message as to create a situation. The question to ask is: Who benefits from such a situation? As I pointed out earlier, it seems logical for those under tremendous military pressure to attempt to disperse the forces running after them by setting off explosions elsewhere.

That said, one cannot help being reminded of the situation just before martial law when adventurous forces from the right and the left appeared to be running on parallel tracks to produce political instability. The right saw it as a prelude to martial law and the left viewed it as setting the stage for an insurrectionary situation. I think martial law benefited the right and strengthened the armed left, but sacrificed a whole generation.

One never knows what new forces and players events like these beget, or what consequences they produce in the long term. What is sure is that the pressure from the globalization of America's war will exacerbate the fault lines of weak societies. And some of them will implode in the process.

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Dead congresswoman running for office

COMMENTARY

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HONOLULU—How would you like to vote for a dead candidate running for Congress in the general election in Hawaii on Nov. 5?

Is this some kind of pre-Halloween gag or something? Absolutely not. It's "for real" as the local lingo puts it. And why not? Especially if that dead candidate running is the ghost of the immensely popular and respected US Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink whose political career spanned nearly 40 years.

Sadly, the long-time Hawaii icon passed away on Sept. 28 after an uphill battle with viral pneumonia brought about by chicken pox. Her untimely demise sent shock waves not only to Hawaii but to the nation as well. She had never been sick or hospitalized during all her long years of public service. I knew her personally and she always seemed vibrant, even indestructible. She was the type who struck you as larger than life, someone you thought would never die.

Her passing puts Hawaii politics in a tizzy. She was running for reelection to Congress for the second district of Hawaii under the Democratic Party in the primary election in September. But in the last three weeks of the campaign, she was taken ill. People thought she would recover. She handily won the primary over her Republican opponent by 53,000 votes. This meant that she would be running for the general election on Nov. 5.

A few days after winning the primary, she died. Because she was unconscious, she could not withdraw from the general election as stipulated by law. She missed the deadline by two days, which means that, in death, her name remains on the ballot for the general election. This situation has created a multi-pronged electoral problem which caused quite a stir in political circles involving the Hawaii governor, Patsy's daughter Wendy, the Republican party and other elements in Hawaii politics.

First, a special election, according to the constitution, has to be held, scheduled for Nov. 30, to fill up the unexpired congressional term of Mink, which is January 2003. It is estimated that the special election will cost $2 million.

Second, if Mink wins the Nov. 5 election, another special election has to be held because obviously a winning dead candidate can no longer serve in office. This is scheduled on Nov. 30 and will cost another $2 million.

Third, Hawaii Gov. Ben Cayetano petitioned the state Supreme Court to have Mink's name erased from the Nov. 5 election list of candidates and allow the Democratic Party to substitute another name (a live person, of course) to run against the Republican standard bearer. He said this would save the state at least $2 million.

Fourth, Patsy's daughter Wendy Mink, a Cornell Ph.D. who's a professor and chair of the Women's Studies Program at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, criticized the Democratic Party for manipulating her mother's death for its political advantage. She lambasted what she termed as "forces that seemed to be interested in ensuring an outcome that was more favorable, than in assuring that the people have a full say on the matter." She tearfully noted that the state's attempt to erase her mother's name on the general ballot and change the date of the special election "fly in the face of the democratic principles Patsy Mink stood for." She said that the legal maneuverings to erase her mother's candidacy were very "insulting and painful." She added that "my mother was such a vibrant and energetic person, so full of life and joy." Knowing Patsy, I could understand perfectly her daughter's grief and pain.

Fifth, the Supreme Court denied Cayetano's motion, obviously agreeing with Wendy Mink's position. So now, she remains on the Nov. 5 ballot and if she wins, there will be a general election to fill her position. Hawaii's electorate has a choice of voting for the dear departed Patsy or her Republican opponent. I will bet my last cent that Patsy will win even in death. This would be the supreme gesture of Hawaii's people to thank the late congresswoman for her political and cultural legacy. And to show their love for her.

This is not the first time that a candidate has won an election from the grave. The current US attorney general, John Ashcroft, lost his Senate seat in Missouri in 2000 to Gov. Mel Carnahan, who died in a plane crash a month before the election. Carnahan won and the incoming governor appointed the dead man's widow Jean to fill his Senate seat in Washington.

In the case of a House seat, however, the law requires a special election, not a gubernatorial appointment.

Patsy Mink had many "firsts" to her name—all marks of distinction. She was the first Asian-American woman to be admitted to the bar and to practice law in Hawaii, the first of her ethnicity and gender to be elected to the Hawaii state senate and house of representatives, and eventually to the US Congress, and so on. The list is endless. But she is best remembered as one of the strongest voices for women's rights and equality in America. She co-authored in 1972 Title IX of the federal programs on education, prohibiting discrimination against women in all public programs funded by Washington, including athletics. Title IX had a revolutionary impact on American society in terms of gender equity in education, employment, athletics and other fields. She had other landmark achievements too numerous to mention. She was a tireless advocate and worker for the poor, the disadvantaged, women, elderly and other powerless groups in American society.

To honor her memory, especially her legendary work on and for equality, the US Congress has decided to rename the Title IX federal program to the Patsy Mink Act.

Aloha, Patsy. The whole world misses you. It's all the better and a more decent place to live in because of you. You're irreplaceable.

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TALK of the TOWN

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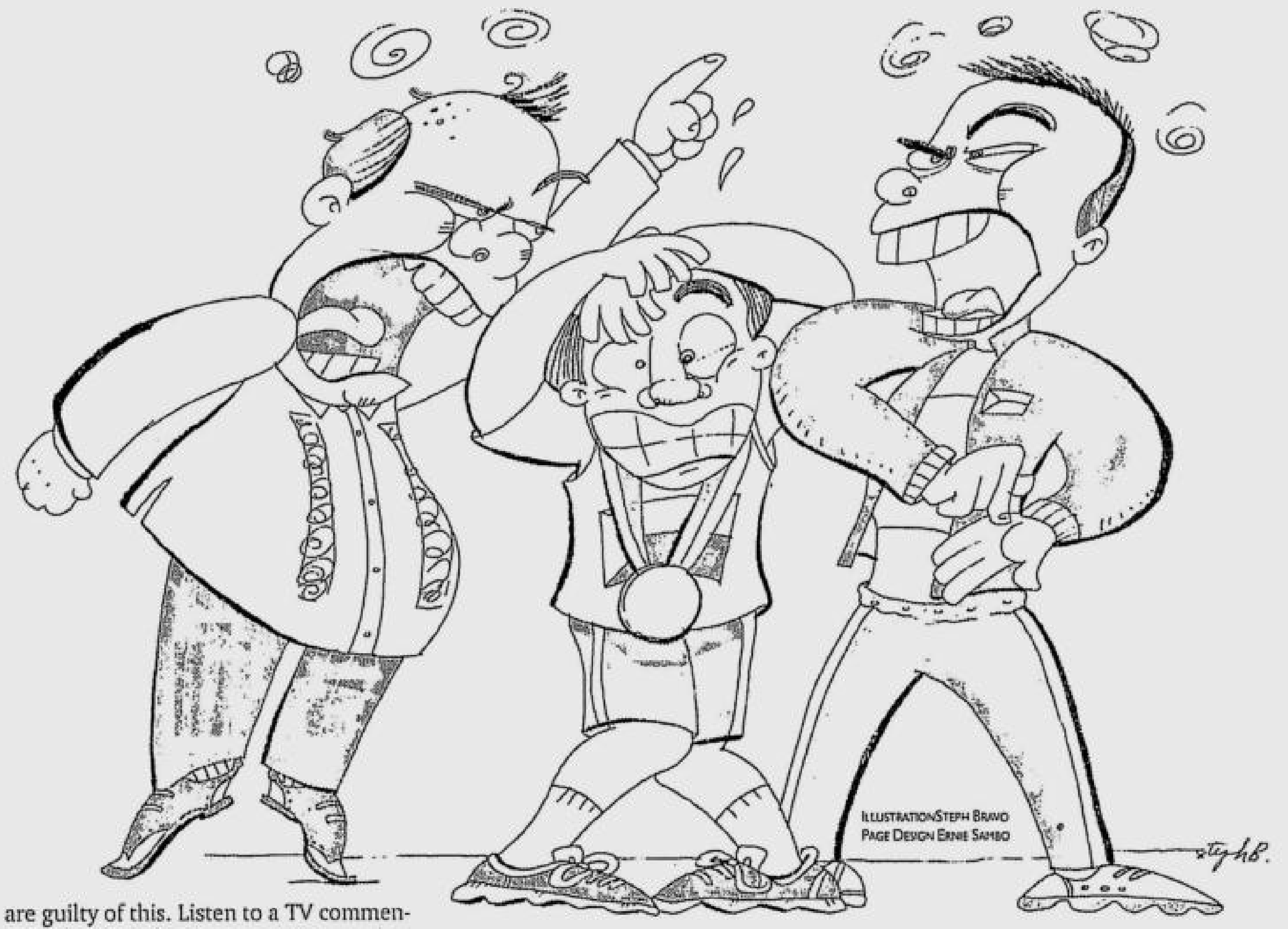
What ails Philippine sports?

AT THE recently concluded 14th Asian Games in Busan, South Korea, the Philippines won just three gold medals--one each in billiards, bowling and equestrian. The country, once tops in basketball, did not bring home a medal. The cream of the crop of the Philippine Basketball Association was not good enough for a bronze.

The country's performance placed it behind most of its neighbors, big and small. Thailand had 14 gold medals; Malaysia, six; Singapore, five; and Indonesia, Hong Kong and Vietnam, four each. The Philippines was way behind China, South Korea and Japan--the sports superpowers of the region.

One may wonder why a city-state like Singapore, with a population of four million and a land area no bigger than Clark Field, could capture more golds than the Philippines. Then there's Hong Kong, with a population of seven million, performing better than the Philippines. Even North Korea, which suffers from intermittent famine, won eight golds.

What happened? One reason is that the country went for quantity rather than quality. A big number of athletes meant a big number of officials in the delegation on a junket. Another reason is the absence of a blueprint for Philippine sports. Singapore has been implementing a master plan that focuses on certain sports where it can excel. The same applies to Thailand, Malaysia and Hong Kong.



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'We rely too much on Divine Providence'

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Former chair, Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)

OUR sports leaders are champions in hoodwinking and deceiving our people. They made our countrymen believe that our athletes were capable of bringing home four to seven and if lucky, 10 gold medals. They knew that the bronze medal finish in the last Southeast Asian Games as the criterion for selecting the athletes was low and that those selected were just going to be "junketeers."

To be competitive, Asian Games records should be the basis for the selection of athletes. But sports officials wanted to have as many athletes included in the delegation in order to correspondingly increase the number of officials in the delegation.

The second act of deceit committed by our sports officials is the claim that we improved our performance in the 14th Asian Games. We did not. In fact, we retrogressed. In the 2001 Southeast Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur, we finished 5th, behind Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam, with Singapore in 6th place. In the 14th Asian Games, we got beaten by Singapore, which won five gold medals to our three. Singapore has a population of more than four million to our 82 million and a land area smaller than our Clark Field in Pampanga.

Hong Kong won four gold medals, with a population of less than five million (Manila's alone has 10 million) and a land area of 1,078 sq. km. The Philippines has a land area of 300,001 sq. km Thailand's population is about 15 million less than the Philippines, and brought home 14 gold medals.

We rely too much on Divine Providence for success. When one of our boxers won his bout to give him a chance for the gold medal, the head of the association said: "We will all go to church and pray." It is good to pray, but we should not expect God to give us miracles to win our share of gold medals. "God helps only those who help themselves." No amount of prayer will make mediocre athletes triumph in their quest for medals.

Sports officials have a standard excuse for their losing athletes: "We are proud of them. They tried their best!" But of course. In any competition, be it in sports or otherwise, no one will ever try his or her worst. Even the sports media people are guilty of this. Listen to a TV commentator for the athletics event: "Buenavista is in the second pack, about 100 meters behind, we are proud of him, he is still in the thick of the fight!" And a sports editor has coined a moniker for those who get eliminated in the early rounds. Instead of calling them *bakasyonistas* as we did in the 1950s, or as "junketeers," he fondly calls them "ambassadors of goodwill."

Finally, the PSC chair, the Philippine Olympic Committee president and other sports officials proudly announced that the Philippine delegation to the Busan Games had achieved its objective. In order to appear less foolish to a people who know the real score, it may be wise for them to heed the advice of Paul Brown of the Cincinnati Bengals: "When you win, say nothing. When you lose, say less."

'Give sports the proper budget'

By Rep. Monico O. Puentevella
Chair, House committee on youth and sports development

WE EXPECT to win medals, but we do not pay the price for it. We have known our problems for decades now, but if we don't put our money where our mouth is, then forget it. We may have the best program written down, but if we don't have the appropriate budget to implement them, let us condole with our athletes.

Let us be realistic. Hello. With an annual budget of only P500 million supporting about 35 national sports associations and all their programs, including grasroots projects, no wonder we lose to Singapore and Hong Kong. Vietnam is even ahead of us. These countries concentrated in only 10 events or less. Ours was a case of having too many slices from the same cake. Unless we consider sports a priority, giving it the proper budget, we shall remain in the gutter.

'Gold medals will come if we have a good program'

By Lt. Col. Julian M. Malonso
Former president, Philippine Olympic Committee

PHILIPPINE sports deviates from its objectives of educating the youth spiritually, morally, mentally and physically, following the saying, "a healthy mind and a healthy body." Filipinos are so gold-medal conscious. Gold medals will come if we have a good sports program.

When Baron Coubertein revived the modern Olympics, he prohibited government, religious and economic intervention in sports. What is happening today in Philippine sports is exactly what Baron Coubertein had in mind. Sports is in the hands of the wrong people. Politicians are using sports for political mileage. Businessmen use sports to advertise their products, spoiling the athletes to play for money. There is no more patriotism. Some athletes refuse to join the national teams. Incentives in sports are another form of corruption.

Historically, sports in the Philippines is political. The organizers were politicians like the late President Manuel L. Quezon, Jorge B. Vargas, the late senators Camilo Osias, Ambrosio B. Padilla and Lorenzo Tañada. But there was a demarcation line between amateurs and professionals. These politicians, when they were sitting on the board of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation (PAAF) decided according to the principle of sports.

With due respect, it was the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos who injected politics in sports. He appointed cronies as project directors of the different sports associations, who eventually became presidents of the national sports associations. Former First Lady Imelda Marcos encouraged Felipe Monserrat to run against Don Antonio de las Alas as president of PAAF and of the National Olympic Committee, because Padilla, son-in-law of Don Antonio de las Alas, had wanted to run for president against Marcos.

PAAF, the governing body of sports in the Philippines, had been abolished. In its place, the Ministry of Youth and Sports Development was created by a presidential decree, which was questioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), as government intervention in sports. Vargas, the IOC representative to the Philippines, defended it, probably out of fear. Vargas had told me to keep quiet. "Which do you prefer, to be a free man or to be detained in Camp Crame?" he said.

Project Gintong Alay was created, arrogating unto itself the prerogatives of the National Sports Associations and the National Olympic Committee, the recognized bodies by the IOC. Marcos appointed his nephew, Michael M. Keon, Jr., who later on had himself elected as president of the National Olympic Committee (now Philippine Olympic Committee).

Politics was injected in the POC: politicians, military men and businessmen ran for the presidency of the different sports associations.

Former President Corazon Aquino created the Philippine Sports Commission upon the advice of politicians. It became a dumping place for political lame ducks receiving enormous salaries and allowances, and maintaining big staff. Most of the former PSC commissioners were charged with malversation of funds. Besides politics and corruption, there was sexual harassment.

The IOC representative to the Philippines, who is supposed to be the eyes and ears of the IOC, does not lift a finger to stop government intervention in sports. He took sides in the ouster of former POC president Cristy Ramos Jalasco, in the POC elections between Chito Dayrit and Go Teng Kok and blocked FIBA in the Basketball Association of the Philippines controversy.

When the federation system was adopted to recognize a national sports association, the requirement was for them to have the widest base. But most of the regional sports associations of the national sports associations are ghost associations. They do not have activities, and their directors are just used for election purposes.

The elections of the national sports associations are rigged. That's the reason sports in the country does not develop.

'We need to do more planning and do our homework'

By Philip Ella Juico
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THERE were good and bad spots in the performance of the Philippines in the 14th Asian Games. To say that it was a spectacular performance is to deceive ourselves. To go to the other extreme and say that we performed very badly is an exaggeration that will also not do us any good.

If we bear in mind the comparative performance of Southeast Asian countries over the years, we must admit that we have a problem. If one admits there is a problem, one's open mind will be rewarded with the realization that problems create opportunities.

The most serious problem of Philippine sports is the absence of a determined effort to build on the work done in the past in formulating a road map.

Several years ago, we spearheaded the formulation of a sector plan for Philippine sports. We conducted consultations from May 1995 to late 1997 with various sports stakeholders. We asked the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), the Australian Institute for Sports and Price Waterhouse of Australia for assistance in preparing the grand plan for sports and physical fitness. After two years, we produced an eight-volume document that we then endorsed to the National Economic Development Authority.

The plan would help the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and other sports stakeholders augment their traditional sources of funds by taking the Official Development Assistance route. But before the consultation process could start, the 1998 presidential election came.

We endorsed the plan to our successor who, for some reason, did not bother to update the plan and push the process forward. The same plan is now gathering dust in some dark corner of the PSC.

Many factors spell success in sports. A plan is one of them. But to get things started and to maximize the use of limited resources, it is incumbent upon us to do as much rigorous planning as we can. Our Southeast Asian neighbors do not have any advantage over us when it comes to formulating vision and strategy. So, what is holding us back? My guess is that most of our sports leaders will have to go outside their comfort zones if they are asked to do strategic planning.

Is there an example of successful planning for sports? The ASC is one. The Hong Kong Sports Development Board is another. The Singapore Sports Council (SSC) is behind the success of Singapore in the 14th Asian Games. SSC is following the ASC example and even got an ASC former manager, Steve Arnaudon, as its consultant for implementing its own master plan for sports. He headed the team that helped the PSC put together the Philippine Master Plan for Sports.

SSC first started preparing the Singapore Master Plan in 1994. It is a four-year plan linked to the Asian Games. It is reviewed every two years, after every SEA Games. The plan identifies focus sports to which SSC will give priority support. This group is followed by merit sports, which are given second priority support.

SSC's seven focus sports for this planning period are: table tennis, badminton, football, sailing, swimming, tenpin bowling and shooting. There are nine sports in the merit category, among them body building.

How does SSC determine which sport is categorized as focus or merit or others? SSC uses 43 criteria. Some of these are performance of the sports over the last two preceding SEA Games; the sports popularity and the number of participants in the sport. In short, there is a clear attempt to combine elite sports and mass-based participation criteria.

These criteria are given weights: 30 percent for previous performance; 30 percent for criteria important in producing elite athletes such as availability of good coaching, presence of a good sports science program and existence of an athletes' data base that will allow monitoring athlete performance over time; 20 percent for management capability.

What were the results of these initiatives? In Busan, Singapore got 17 medals except for bodybuilding and wushu. All the medals came from the seven focus sports. Three of its five golds came from tenpin bowling, a focus sport. The two others came from a merit sport, body building.

All the 12 silver and bronze medals Singapore won came from other focus sports like table tennis, sailing and swimming. Other interesting statistics: Singapore sent 95 athletes. Of the 95, 25 produced 17 medals. Arnaudon said, "We went for quality rather than quantity. Obviously in the SEA Games, emphasis is on quantity."

We are told that the Philippines had a 300-member delegation.

At the end of the Games, we again ask ourselves what happened? There are several reasons for our performance. One is economic.

The correlation between the country's overall economic status and the state of its sports is too close to ignore. Aside from the Philippines, one can use Indonesia as an example. After the 1998 Asian melt down and the political instability that followed, Indonesia slid from its status as the sports power of Southeast Asia to where it is right now, good for second or third. In contrast, the countries that performed best after the crisis, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore, are doing well in sports.

The other explanation is the way Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore have organized themselves for sports.

It is clear we need to do more planning and do our homework. It has been suggested that government not release a single centavo for our hosting of the 2005 SEA Games if we don't put together a sector plan. There is no point in throwing good money after bad.

We had said that after this Asiad, we would have the usual investigations and finger pointing and that nothing much would come out of the inquiries. Well, everyone is running true to form.

There is great danger that we will not learn again from this lesson and that we will not heed the call for the formulation of a master plan for Philippine sports.

Should we want to "dribble ourselves into perdition," we then deserve what is happening to us. We have consistently failed to see that, ultimately, nothing of significance can take place if we don't do serious planning or do our homework.

Let's praise the athletes who did their best, and let's help those whose duty is to provide management and leadership (and vision) to our sports development program.

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Indonesia arms itself with anti-terror decree

JAKARTA, Indonesia—A sweeping presidential decree that includes tough powers to detain suspects as well as executions by firing squad for convicted terrorists has come into effect in Indonesia.

Meanwhile, police postponed on Saturday the planned interrogation of Abu Bakar Bashir, the alleged spiritual leader of Jemaah Islamiyah, the al-Qaida-linked group suspected in last week's Bali nightclub bombing.

Police had wanted to question Bashir, 64, on Saturday. But the Muslim cleric—who openly prayed for Osama bin Laden at a mosque on Friday—has been hospitalized with breathing difficulties. He has denied involvement in the Oct. 12 bombing that killed at least 183 people and injured more than 300, many of them foreign tourists.

The carnage triggered international demands that Indonesia—the world's most populous Muslim nation—crack down on extremists and militants allegedly linked to the al-Qaida terror network.

President Megawati Sukarnoputri, slow to act against religious militancy in the past because of Islamic sensitivities, has now rammed through emergency measures by decree after months of legislative delay in Parliament, and named Bashir as a terror suspect.

The decree was announced late Friday night—nine hours behind schedule—after a Cabinet meeting which Justice Minister Yusril Mahendra said had been hung up on unspecified points. It was made retroactive to cover those responsible for the Bali bombing.

"After what happened in Bali, Indonesia urgently needs a law to fight terrorism," Mahendra said. "By having this decree, we have the authority to take action against terrorism."

The decree allows for suspects to be detained initially for three days. With a judge's approval, this can be extended by another six months without charges filed.

Those convicted of carrying out or threatening to carry out acts of terror will face prison sentences ranging from four years to life or the death penalty.

Using chemical, biological or radioactive materials to cause terror will bring the same penalties.

People who stockpile or use firearms or explosives could face penalties ranging from three years in jail to death.

The measures will be enforced by the police. Many human rights activists are leery of wider powers for the Indonesian military, which has a long record of brutal abuses. The abuses have only been partially reined in by the fledgling democracy since dictator Suharto was toppled in 1998.

Human Rights Watch said in a statement it was concerned that the new decree could lead to a return of Suharto-era abuses, including the torture of political detainees, "given Indonesia's weak judiciary, rampant corruption and poor human rights record."

US diplomats said Saturday the evacuation of more than 300 nonessential staffers and family members from the mission had been completed on Friday.

The evacuation of embassy staff was triggered by warnings of more terrorist attacks. About 100 US diplomats will remain on duty in Jakarta, officials said. *AP*

Areas of Indonesia may be bombed, says Australia

SYDNEY—The Australian government said on Saturday it had received intelligence that parts of the Indonesian capital of Jakarta may be bombed in attacks aimed at Westerners and urged its citizens to leave.

"The nature of the specific threats in Jakarta is the threat of bomb attacks in those certain suburbs against Westerners," Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer told the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

"On the basis of the intelligence we have received it is very important we draw people's attention to the risk."

The Australian government upgraded its travel advice on Indonesia late on Friday for the third time in the past two days following last weekend's nightclub bombings in Bali.

"We have received reports that crowded areas, including upmarket entertainment areas, should be avoided," the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said in a travel advisory.

It said the Jakarta suburbs of Kota, Jalan Hayam Wuruk, Taman Anggrek, Pasar Baru and Pasar Senen should be avoided.

The latest advice came after the Australian government said earlier on Friday it had decided to give its diplomatic staff the choice to leave Indonesia.

All Australians on non-essential business there have been urged to leave following the Bali bombings which killed more than 180 foreign tourists, including possibly more than 100 Australians.

The Australian government has been under pressure over the past week to explain why it did not issue stronger warnings about travel to Bali ahead of the bombings.

Downer also warned against a backlash from Islamic extremist groups in Indonesia in the event their leaders were arrested. *Reuters*

Peru president admits fathering 14-year-old girl

LIMA, Peru—Promising to protect and provide for the girl he denied was his daughter for more than a decade, Peruvian President Alejandro Toledo put an end to a politically damaging paternity lawsuit on Friday when he acknowledged he fathered 14-year-old Zarai Toledo.

"My adversaries will believe this is a victory for them but . . . they're wrong. I am the winner and I have won an intelligent and beautiful daughter. Zarai and I have won," Toledo said in a special televised address.

The US-trained economist, who vehemently denied he was Zarai's father until this week, said he and the outspoken teenager had a long way to go in terms of healing wounds.

Zarai told reporters the meeting with Toledo in a chapel, which included a notary, was a "mixture of emotions." It was the first time she had ever spoken to her father.

"I told him I wouldn't hold anything against him . . . because he's my father, isn't he? He said he was curious about meeting me and while we were both a little defensive, ready for a conflict, things got better as we talked," she said.

She said she had not come "to beg for love" but asked Toledo to make a public address and apologize to her mother.

Toledo did not make an explicit apology in the dramatic denouement to the legal battle that has dogged him for more than a decade.

His surprise announcement confirmed most Peruvians' belief that Zarai, who bears an uncanny resemblance to Toledo, is the president's daughter. Opinion polls showed that 80 percent of Peruvians thought he was lying and past blood tests had shown 97 percent probability that the girl was his.

Toledo had a relationship with the girl's mother in the 1980s when he was separated from his wife. The president and his wife, who have a 20-year-old daughter, are now reunited. *Reuters*

Fear of sniper grips Washington

WASHINGTON—Fears that a serial sniper will strike again cast a pall over the Washington area on Saturday, forcing the cancellation of activities ranging from youth soccer games to an arts festival.

The unknown gunman has killed nine people and critically injured two since Oct. 2 around the US capital, but has not struck on any previous weekend since the siege began. The last killing was on Monday, and the five-day break in shootings is the longest peaceful period so far in this case.

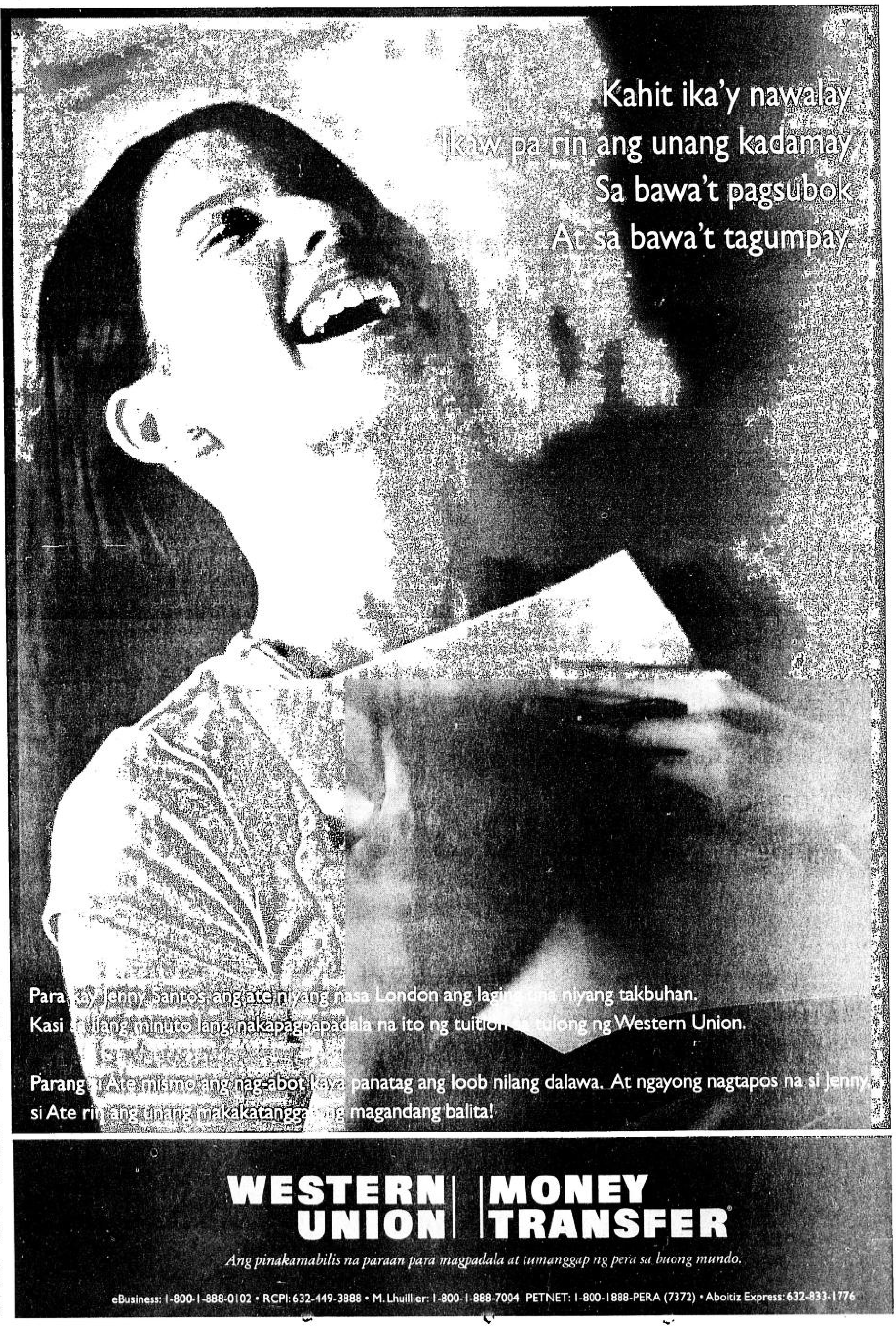
The Washington Post reported that authorities had seized a white box truck after a shell casing was found inside the vehicle at a Virginia car rental agency near Dulles International Airport. Investigators have said a white box truck was seen at the sites of several of the shootings.

Police would not confirm this or comment on whether it was related to the sniper investigation.

They have announced no arrests of suspects, but on Friday arrested a man accused of lying about what he saw at the scene of Monday's attack at a parking lot outside a home improvement store in Falls Church, Virginia, west of Washington.

Matthew Dowdy, 37, reported seeing a gunman with an assault rifle escaping in a beige-colored van after shooting from only 30 yards away, police said.

Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose told reporters Dowdy may have been seeking a share of the $500,000 reward. *Reuters*



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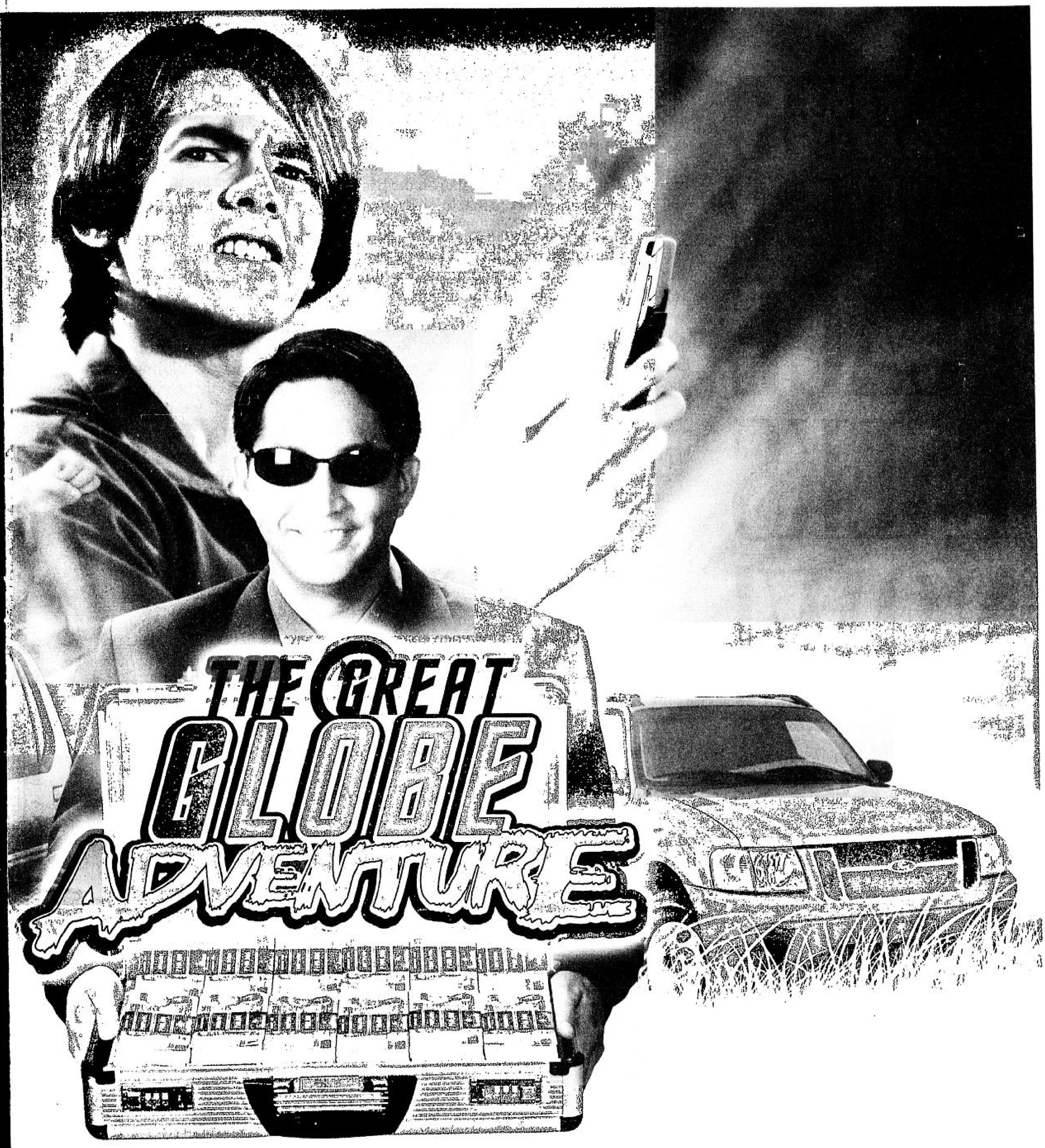

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WE ARE ADVOCATES of genuine peace, a lasting peace based on freedom, democracy and social justice.

WE WANT the peace negotiations between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) to resume and proceed in earnest. We strongly call on the GRP and the NDFP to immediately resume formal talks on the basis of The Hague Joint Declaration of 1992 and other past agreements that have proven to be workable and mutually acceptable.

WE SHARE their avowed common goals: "the resolution of the armed conflict and the attainment of a just and lasting peace." We believe that this can come about only with basic social, economic and political reforms that address the roots of the armed conflict and benefit the majority of the people.

WE STRONGLY URGE both Parties to immediately and fully implement the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. This will serve as a goodwill and confidence-building measure, and mitigate the destruction and suffering directly and indirectly brought about by war.

WE DEEPLY DEPLORE the trend to abandon peace negotiations in favor of purely military solutions. More than a year has passed since the formal talks were recessed, and the Macapagal-Arroyo government has indefinitely suspended these formal talks last March.

Even as we condemn all forms of terrorism, **WE ARE GRAVELY CONCERNED** that the Macapagal-Arroyo government's all-out support for the US "war on terror" and its "all-out war" against the CPP-NPA-NDF will jeopardize the peace negotiations. Both policies foreclose any hope of resolving the armed conflict through peaceful means.

WE DECRY what we perceive as US interference in our internal affairs. We are troubled by possible US violations of Philippine sovereignty, including increased US military presence and activity, and its threat to unilaterally take punitive actions against alleged Filipino terrorists.

WE ASK the government to reconsider its official policy of welcoming the US designation of the CPP-NPA as a terrorist organization, in view of its dire effects on the peace negotiations.

WE WELCOME the positive role of the Dutch, Belgian and Norwegian governments in facilitating the GRP-NDFP peace negotiations. We urge them to continue supporting these negotiations and to uphold the European Parliament resolutions endorsing and supporting these negotiations.

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Nationality, citizenship: Lessons from Mexico

DIPLOMATIC POUCH

Enrique Hubbard
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IT IS commonplace to say there are affinities and coincidences between the Philippines and Mexico, but I'm going to refer today to one that is not mentioned often. As the Philippine Congress starts to deal with the "dual nationality" and absentee voting proposals, we already approved a constitutional amendment regarding the former. Perhaps a brief look at our case could be helpful.

Up to 1997, our laws provided that any Mexican citizen who was naturalized in another country would lose his/hers Mexican nationality. More than six million Mexicans residing in the United States were unwilling to pay such a high price (the loss of their Mexican nationality). They refused to be naturalized and therefore could not vote where they lived. On the other hand, they couldn't vote in Mexico because we lacked (even now) an absentee voting system.

We decided to do something about it and began by reviewing our nationality system.

Legal link

The most accepted notion states that nationality is a *legal link between a person and a state*. There is a nationality that is given (nationals by birth), and another that is acquired (nationals by naturalization). Recognition of nationality follows either: a) The place of birth, b) Nationality of the parents (or of one of them); and c) A combination of both in the case of Mexico.

There's only one real case of *dual or multiple nationality*: That created by a treaty through which two or more states recognize each other's nationalities. For example, a person born in Brazil or Portugal has automatically both nationalities. He or she is both Brazilian and Portuguese. The other cases, popularly known as *dual nationality or dual citizenship*, are better defined as *possession of more than one nationality*. Someone born in the USA of Mexican parents, will be Mexican and American, but each state will recognize only its nationality, not the other.

Constitutional reform

The constitutional reform was about the *no loss of Mexican nationality*, instead of *dual nationality*. This allows Mexicans to accede to other nationalities (mostly in the US), and obtain political clout never before evident in spite of their ever growing numbers. We did not create or accept *dual nationality*; we merely made Mexican nationality permanent.

The absentee voting problem is quite different. Perhaps it is a forgone conclusion that citizens residing abroad ought to be able to vote in their own country. But here we are talking about Mexicans who have *not naturalized at their country of residence*.

When we faced the task of revising our nationality system we were very careful, we wanted to allow our Mexicans abroad to naturalize where they live, without fear of losing their nationality, thus enabling them to vote over there, *where they are, where they pay taxes*.

Political rights

There's now pressure to allow them to vote in either country and to run for office in both. We think this is wrong. Our proposal was always geared to recognize the Mexican nationality regardless of any other, but to grant political rights only to those naturalized in another country when they return for good.

They will never lose their nationality, but their political rights should be suspended until they come back to stay. There's nothing wrong with this. Minors and convicted felons who are serving their sentences have those rights temporarily *suspended*.

We still face serious logistic and practical problems and we have been unable to resolve matters regarding campaign funding, publicity, voting polls, voter's registration and other such items, all complicated by the weight of sheer numbers. But the problem is perfectly focused: only Mexicans *who do not hold another nationality* will be able to vote, and probably just for president and senator, since voting in local elections require residency in a certain district or municipality.

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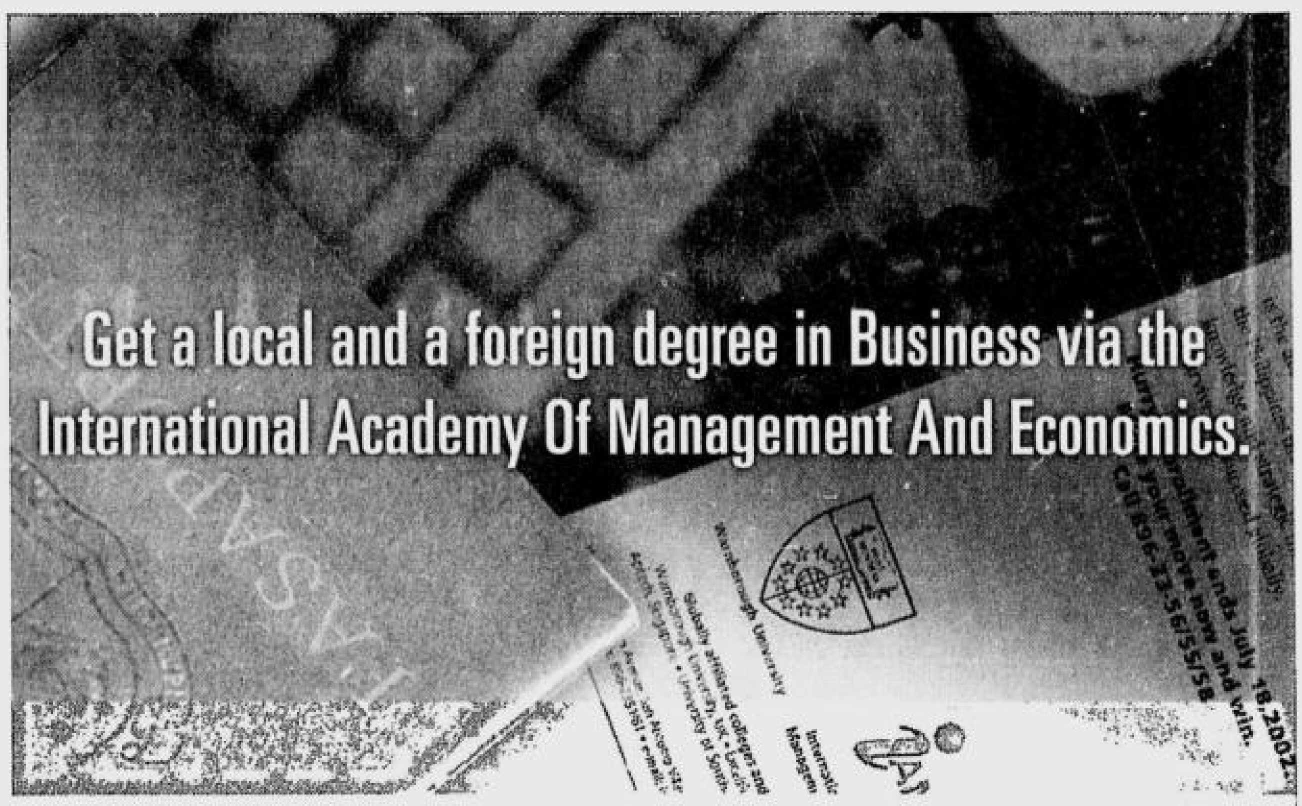
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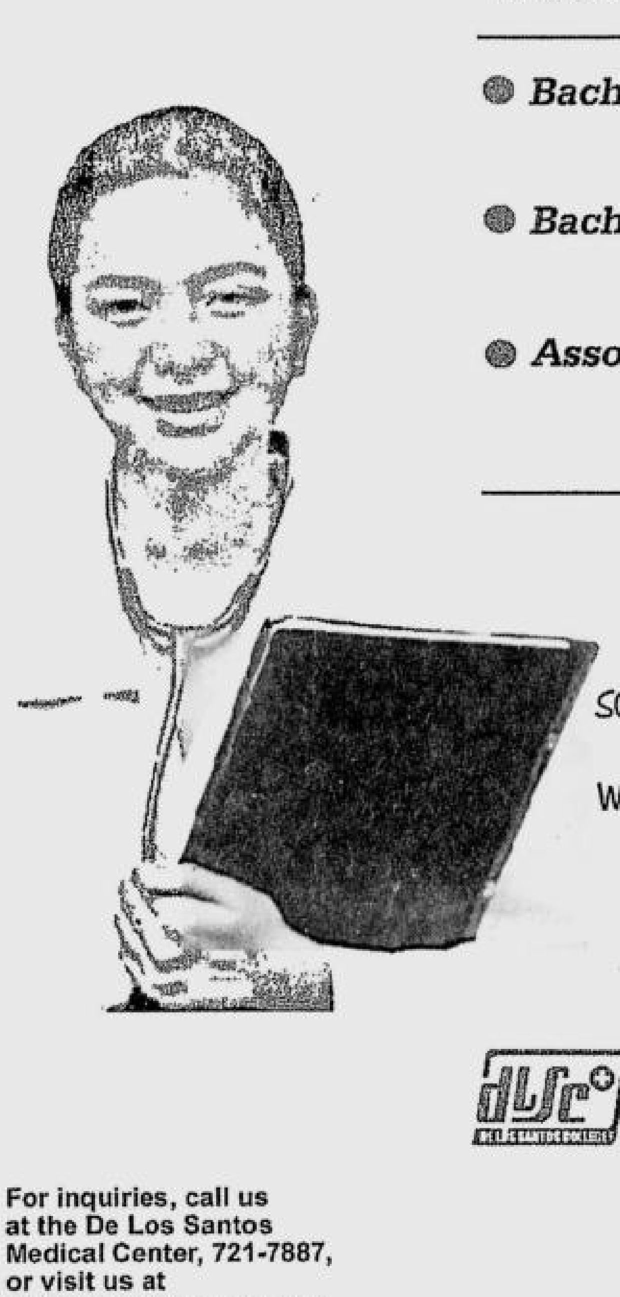

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NPA blamed for Mindoro cop chief slay

CANLUBANG, Laguna—Police have blamed the killing on Friday of the acting police chief of Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro on the New People's Army.

Senior Supt. Artemio Gabriel, Occidental Mindoro police chief, disclosed in a report reaching the police regional office here, that the victim, SPO4 Christopher Pandino Pacaul, had just left the barber shop and boarded his motorcycle when the suspects, all armed with .45-caliber pistols, followed him on foot and shot him at the back.

After he fell to the ground, one of his assailants came near him and shot him several times in different parts of the body and head, causing his immediate death.

Pacaul sustained 14 bullet wound all over his body.

The suspects then casually walked towards the direction of the mountainous part of Sitio Atipan, Barangay Poblacion, of the same town.

The suspects reportedly took away Pacaul's .9mm service firearm.

Recovered from the scene were five empty shells and a deformed slug of .45-caliber pistol.

A joint police and military team was immediately dispatched to pursue the killers.

Gabriel said residents of Abra de Ilog and San Jose towns, where Pacaul was formerly assigned as a regular police officer, condemned his death as they claimed that Pacaul was a kind and honest police chief.

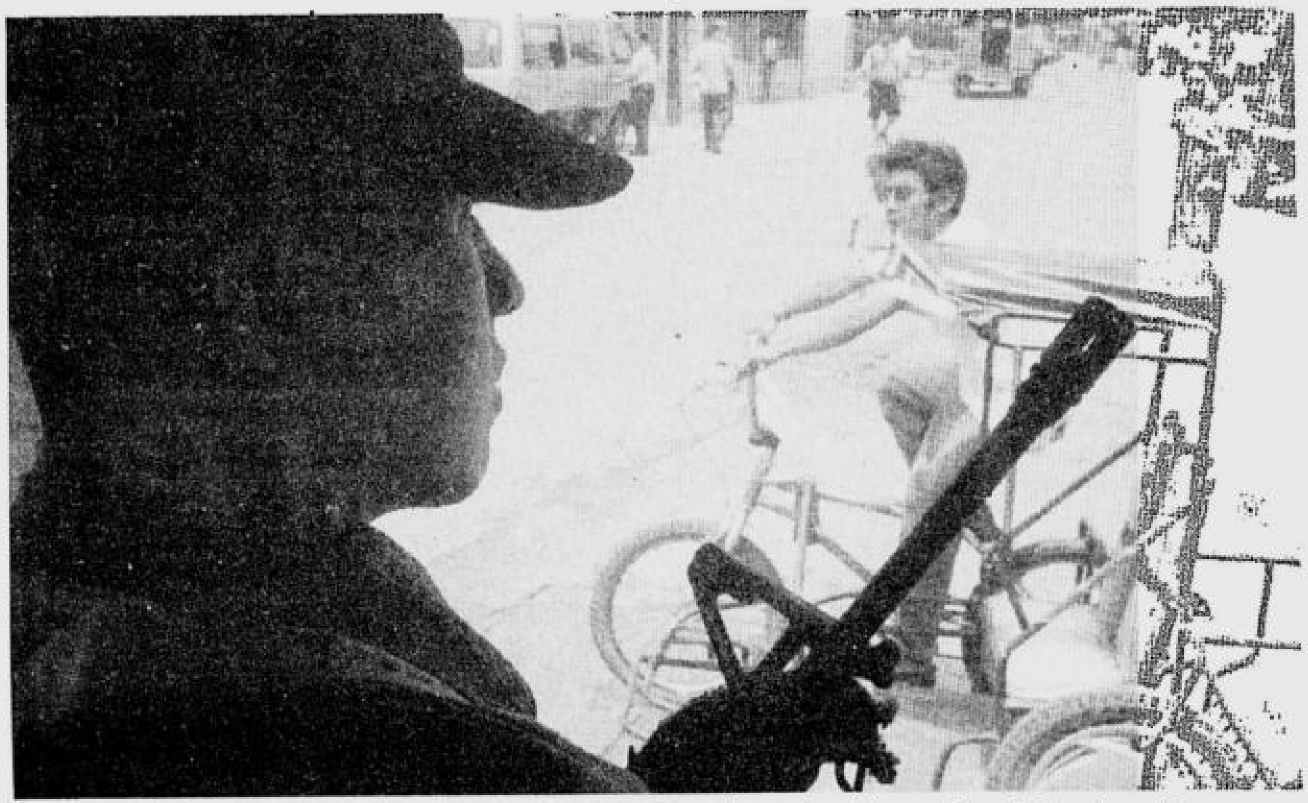
In the City of San Fernando, Col. Jovenal Narcise, chief of the Army's 702nd Infantry Brigade, said NPA allegedly lobbed two hand grenades and strafed the store of a motorcycle distributor in Aurora on Saturday afternoon.

No one was reported killed or hurt but the blast damaged the store's facade, Narcise said.

The "violent harassment" on Royce Motors in Baler, Aurora, was led by suspected NPA commander Jobert Navarro alias "Ka Marcial" he said.

At least seven rebels used M-16 and M-14 Armalite rifles in the attack, he added. Police and Army soldiers recovered 22 empty shells in front of the store.

The assault came after residents complained against the supposed high interest rates imposed by the owner of the establishment. The owner, who was not identified by Narcise, reportedly received "several extortion letters" from the NPA before the attack. *Delfin Mallari Jr. and Diwa Aquino, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*



A SOLDIER keeps a tight watch from his post in Zamboanga province as bombings and bomb threats continue. AP

Security doubled for today's Leyte Gulf landing celebrations

By Joey Gabieta and Vicente Labro
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—Taking no chances, security measures for today's 58th Leyte Gulf landing celebration has been upgraded into "double security" by the Philippine National Police and the military.

Among the foreign dignitaries expected in today's commemoration are US Ambassador to the Philippines Francis Ricciardone, Australian Ambassador Ruth Pearce, British Ambassador Paul Stephen Dimond and Canadian Ambassador Robert Collete. Other foreign dignitaries who will join the celebration are First Secretary Graeme McGuire of the New Zealand Embassy and Defense Attaché Niel Wark of the Australian Embassy.

Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes, who is representing President Macapagal-Arroyo, will lead Philippine officials in the commemoration activities.

Supt. Teodorido Lapuz IV, provincial police director, and Col. Eusebio Ramos, commanding officer of the 802nd Infantry Battalion based in Burauen, Leyte, assured that the guests and the public will be "safe."

Lapuz said about 200 policemen would be placed in all strategic places at the program site, the MacArthur Memorial Park located at the Government Center in Barangay Candahug, Palo, Leyte, 12 kilometers from Tacloban City.

By "double security," Lapuz explained that security would be provided not only at the site of the program but in all strategic areas leading to the site itself.

The extra security measure came in the wake of terroristic activities abroad and in the country, particularly in Mindanao, and the recent bomb scare in Metro Manila.

A commemorative program and wreath laying ceremonies are among the highlights of today's 58th Leyte Gulf landings anniversary celebration.

Reyes will deliver the keynote address during the commemorative program in behalf of President Macapagal-Arroyo, who could not come due to some prior commitments.

Leyte Gov. Remedios Petilla led other local officials in welcoming the guests and visitors.

Today's commemorative program will cap the weeklong anniversary celebration of the event. It will kick off with the Sunrise ceremony, followed by the Liberation Mass, the flag raising ceremony, wreath laying ceremony and the commemorative program.

A commemorative parade in Tacloban City and the Veterans Sunset ceremony at Red Beach are also among the activities this afternoon. This is to remember the event on Oct. 20, 1944 when the Allied Liberation Forces led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur landed on the beaches of Leyte, signaling the start of the liberation campaign in the country.

It was in the tiny island of Suluan in Guiuan where the advance party of the Liberation Forces landed on Oct. 17, 1942, killing the handful of Japanese soldiers guarding the island and its lighthouse. Members of Company B, 6th Ranger Infantry Battalion, then secured the area to allow the safe and undetected passage of the Allied Forces battleships into Leyte Gulf.

Guiuan and its adjacent towns also played a significant role during the liberation campaign. The area was the site of the US naval base and airfield complex, which were the launching pad of the Allied Forces in the liberation of the country and reportedly even of bombing missions to Japan. Eastern Samar Rep. Marcelino Libanan, Gov. Clotilde Japzon Salazar and Guiuan Mayor Cornelio Sison attended the commemorative program and other activities held at Barangay Ngolos, site of a former US naval base in Guiuan.

But the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan-Sinirangan Bisayas has denounced this year's celebration, saying there was no reason for Filipinos to celebrate the occasion.

"This day should be a day of mourning and of anger for it represents the continued domination of the US in our country," said Melvin Anino, secretary general.

Bishop rallies Catholics vs casino in Boracay

By Recto Vidal
PDI Visayas Bureau

KALIBO, Aklan—Kalibo Bishop Gabriel Reyes has rallied the Catholic faithful in this province to oppose the plan of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) to put up a casino in the resort-island of Boracay.

Exhorting his flock to oppose such plan, Bishop Reyes described gambling casinos as "often the cause of the impoverishment and breaking up of families."

"Casinos promote enslavement or addiction to the passion of gambling. They weaken the moral strength of our people. Addiction to gambling has damaging effects on the individual, the family and society," Reyes said in his pastoral letter that he will read in today's Mass at the Kalibo Cathedral.

The pastoral letter will also be delivered simultaneously in various parishes in the province today.

Bishop Reyes said a gambling casino has no place in a "family resort," like Boracay.

Aklanons, he said, should make sure that Boracay will maintain its "wholesome image," reminding them of their responsibility to take care of Boracay and to protect it from "pollution, not only physical but also spiritual."

"Let us guard it not only from coliforms and other physical wastes but also from anything that will pollute the moral atmosphere of the place, such as gambling, drugs, and prostitution. We have the responsibility to protect not only the bodies of our people but also their souls—their minds and hearts," Reyes pointed out.

Aklan Gov. Florencio Miraflores also stressed that the provincial government was strongly opposed to any kind of gambling as it frowned on the culture that it would breed.

He said the provincial government has received, and rejected, as early as 2000 a proposal from Pagcor for the establishment of gambling arcades teaming with slot machines.

Miraflores, however, said that despite their opposition, this was no guarantee that it would not happen since there were no legal impediment to a proposed casino in Boracay because Pagcor has the franchise to operate casinos in the country.

"Technically, they can operate legally in Boracay especially when it obtains acceptability from the local government of Malay. But they must have also listened to the sentiments of the local government units," the governor said.

Diony Salmea, president of Boracay Foundation Inc., said the proposal would be economically advantageous to Pagcor but morally unsound due to the distorted values that it would spawn.

CA acquits Tiwi, San Pablo execs

THE COURT of Appeals has junked the decision of the Regional Trial Court Branch 96 in Quezon City obliging Tiwi, Albay Mayor Patria Gutierrez and the town legislators to appropriate funds for the legal services of lawmaker Antonio Betito amounting to P21 million.

In a decision rendered Wednesday, the CA's First Division granted the motion for certiorari filed by Gutierrez and relieved the mayor and the rest of the elected municipal officials of paying in full amount Betito's legal services fee.

The CA also nullified the order of the Ombudsman placing under "preventive suspension" incumbent San Pablo City Mayor Florante "Boy" Aquino Jr.

A resolution signed by Associate Justice Remedios Salazar-Fernando and concurred to by Associate Justices Conrado Vasquez Jr. and Regalado Maambong directed the Office of the Ombudsman, the Department of Interior and Local Government, Vice Mayor Lauro Vidal and Councilors Edgardo Adajar, Virgilio Catindig, Dante Amante, Joel Tulop, Edwin Magcase, Gener Amante and Reynaldo Ramirez to file their comments within ten days from their receipt of the CA order.

Tiwi case

Except for the depreciation in the value of the Philippine peso, the assailed order dated Aug. 16, 2001 stated no other reason to grant Betito's motion for execution pending appeal.

The CA said it did not find any reason, neither good nor urgent enough, to justify the immediate execution of the trial court's partial judgment on the pleadings.

In granting the petition for certiorari filed by Gutierrez, the CA nullified the RTC order and the writ of execution dated Sept. 6, 2001 with no cost.

"We are very thankful that the cause we have fought for, the people of Tiwi, has not been in vain, and we see that justice is done for our cause," the Tiwi mayor said.

Gutierrez added that they already expect Betito to file an appeal. She said they are prepared for it.

"We will exhaust all legal means and fight to the highest court," said Gutierrez.

San Pablo

Aquino has directed all city officials and employees of the city hall not to follow illegal orders from Vidal.

In a memorandum circular dated Oct. 14, Aquino said the filing of Vidal's group of a preventive suspension without prior service of a copy to him was a flagrant violation of due process, and it was therefore null and void, or nonexistent from the beginning. *Ronnie Lorejo and Romulo Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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CRABS, instead of herds of cattle, take centerstage today at the Aroroy Wacky Rodeo in Masbate launched by the Aroroy Tourism Council to promote Masbate as the Rodeo Capital of the country. The crustacean has become a major livelihood source (aside from gold) for the people of Aroroy—the second largest municipality of Masbate. The daylong festival will test the skills of both men and women in handling crabs, including retrieving them from murky waters and tying them up. There will also be crab relays and cooking. Street dancing, parades and restaging of old rituals by local elders will also be featured. The heart of the festival will be the crowning of the King and Queen Crabs, a search for the most perfect pair of crabs.

Most outstanding citizen

LEGAZPI CITY—Camarines Norte's most outstanding citizen in law in 1969, Domingo de Lara, passed away at his home in Victoria, Canada on Oct. 8. He was 80. De Lara was the lawyer of the late Menhart Spielman in the celebrated case against Harry Stonehill. He served as vice president of the Philippine Bar Association and the Manila II Chapter of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines in the 1970s. He is survived by his wife Remedios Alejandrino, children and their spouses, and his 16 grandchildren.

Sink the vessels!

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—This was the plea of Commodore Higinio Mendoza, head of the 4th Philippine Coast Guard District Auxiliary (PCGA) in Palawan who has written the governor asking for one or two of the six confiscated Chinese fishing boats, which they can sink to serve as artificial reefs. "Since the boats were used in the indiscriminate destruction of our marine life, it is only proper that it will be the future home of fishes," Mendoza said. He claimed that out of the eight fishing boats, only three can still be of use and they are very expensive to maintain. *Dominique Monera-Tabora, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

Oil retrieval

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The 4th Philippine Coast Guard District Auxiliary (PCGA) will once again spearhead a used engine oil retrieval program this November. The PCGA aims to triple last year's volume of used engine oil collected in its bid to promote environmental awareness here. In the oil retrieval program, residents bring their used engine oil during the street party where it is collected. The PCGA last year initiated the first used engine oil retrieval program and was able to collect 2,200 liters of used oil. The oil would be sold to interested companies.
Geraldford Ticke, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Memphis medical mission

VICTORIAS CITY—Memphis Medical Mission of Mercy from Tennesse, USA will conduct a medical and surgical mission at the Victorias Immaculate Conception Health Center and Victorias City Health Center here today until Thursday. Free medicine and medical services will be provided by medical specialists from the US with assistance from local doctors. The Mission is led by Mr. and Mrs. Renato Zalamea, CRNA. The medical mission is made possible through the joint cooperation of Victorias Kaayong Lawas Foundation, Inc. and the City Government of Victorias.

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‘DISCRIMINATORY’

Court employees in Luzon hit House Bill 5178

COURT employees on Friday left their offices to rally against a bill that excludes them from salary increases meant only for those who passed the bar.

Operations at the Baguio and Benguet justice halls stopped on Friday as at least 200 court employees, all of them wearing black shirts, marched down Session Road to demand the junking of House Bill 5178, which excluded them from a special allowance that will benefit all justices, judges and court-employed lawyers.

In Bulacan, about 300 court employees went on mass leave and marched to the provincial capitol grounds to air their opposition to the bill.

In Nueva Ecija, court employees joined the march of their colleagues in Metro Manila on Friday. Magtanggol Vilar, adviser of the association of court employees in the province, said they were asking the lawmakers not to discriminate them.

The court employees in Baguio and Benguet assembled in front of the Baguio Justice Hall, where they conducted a special Mass and a *canao* (ritual feast) to pray for the lawmakers’ “enlightenment.”

A judge was booed when he suggested that the court employees should demand “an amendment of HB 5178, and not its scrapping.”

Lawyer Adelaida Muñoz, clerk of court of the Baguio RTC, said “rank-and-file employees should be fairly treated because they are also essential members of the judicial machinery.”

In Naga City, about 800 rank-and-file court employees in Camarines Sur, declared a “Black Friday” every week, and hit the planned increase in benefits as “unfair, discriminatory and in violation of the social justice provision of the Constitution.” *Jovelyn Reyes and Joya Santos-Doctor, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, and Carmela Reyes and Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk; Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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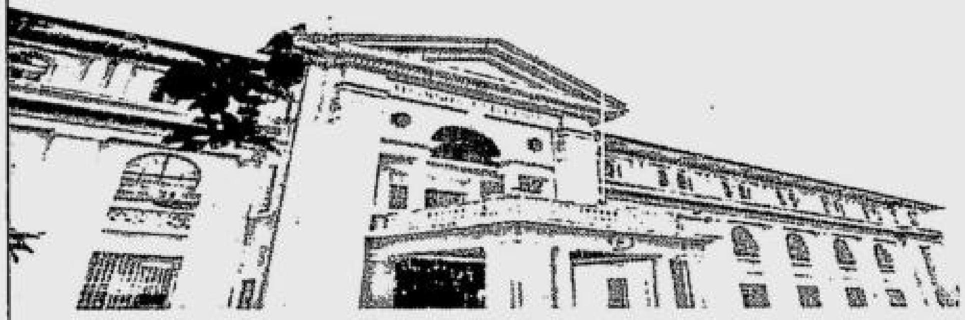

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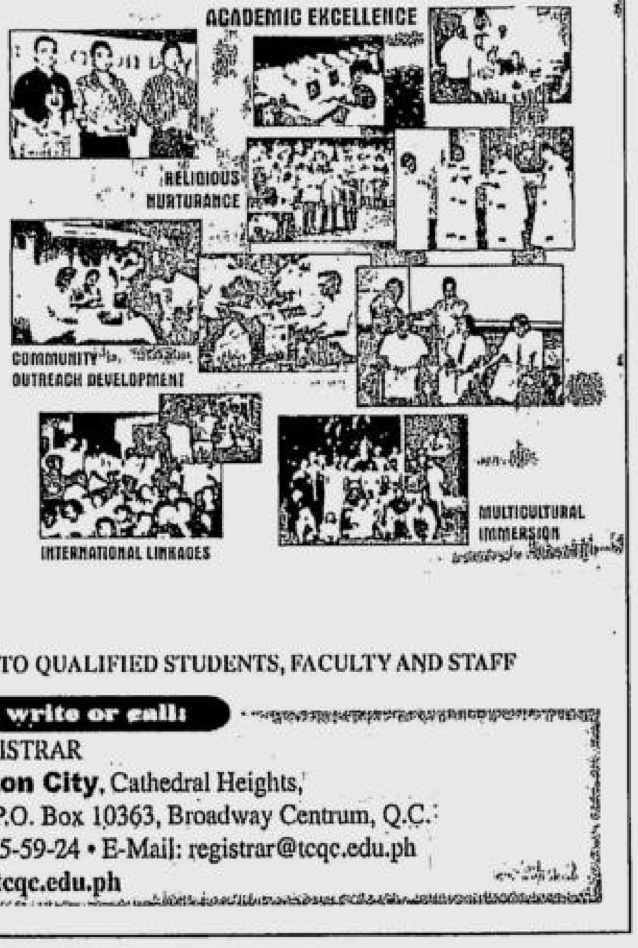

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Nong Supring's world of stripes

By Romel M. Oribe
Surigao del Sur

BEFORE Nong Supring Cuison made a successful enterprise of weaving and selling multi-colored mats, his existence was a monochrome of hanging tough.

Like most marginal fishers in the coastal barangay of Sto. Niño in Surigao del Sur, Nong Supring had no lofty dreams for his family. Except, of course, to feed and clothe them and maybe send them through high school.

But his children started shaping their dreams young. Often, before the flickering light of the kerosene lamp, all five children of Nong Supring would do their "when-I-grow-up-I'd-like-to-be" spiel. This made an impact on Nong Supring's resolve to think of ways to augment his income. This was in 1983, three years before his eldest son would enter high school.

NONG SUPRING

Luckily, Nong Supring didn't have to look far. His wife, Nang Cita, comes from a family whose tradition includes rolled mat weaving using *tikiw* or *tikog* (*Scirpus Grossus*) and *balbas kalabaw* (*Scirpus Supinus*). Growing plentifully in Sto. Niño's swamps and ricefields, these grass-like plants (*Cyperaceae*) have strong, obovate, basal and three-angled (thus the local term *tres cantos*) stems that are woven into mats either manually or using loom machines.

Nong Supring had everything cut out for his family. The children gathered *tikog*, Nang Cita dyed and wove them into mats and Nong Supring peddled them in the neighboring towns and barangays.

Nong Supring knew nothing much about peddling mats. All he knew was that by selling them, he was buying the future of his children. And so without a college education to back him up, he developed his brand of salesmanship through sheer luck.

When things started to look up, Nong Supring extended his reach to as far as Cotabato and Zamboanga. And before long, he bacame popularly known as "the small guy with the multi-colored mats," an affectionate allusion to his barely five feet, Danny de Vito frame.

But it was not easy. There was the physical separation as he spent 10-15 grueling days and nights on the road peddling a month's worth of mats. There was also the possibility of him being held up and developing ulcer. But he carried on partly for lack of choice and mainly for his aspiration for his children.

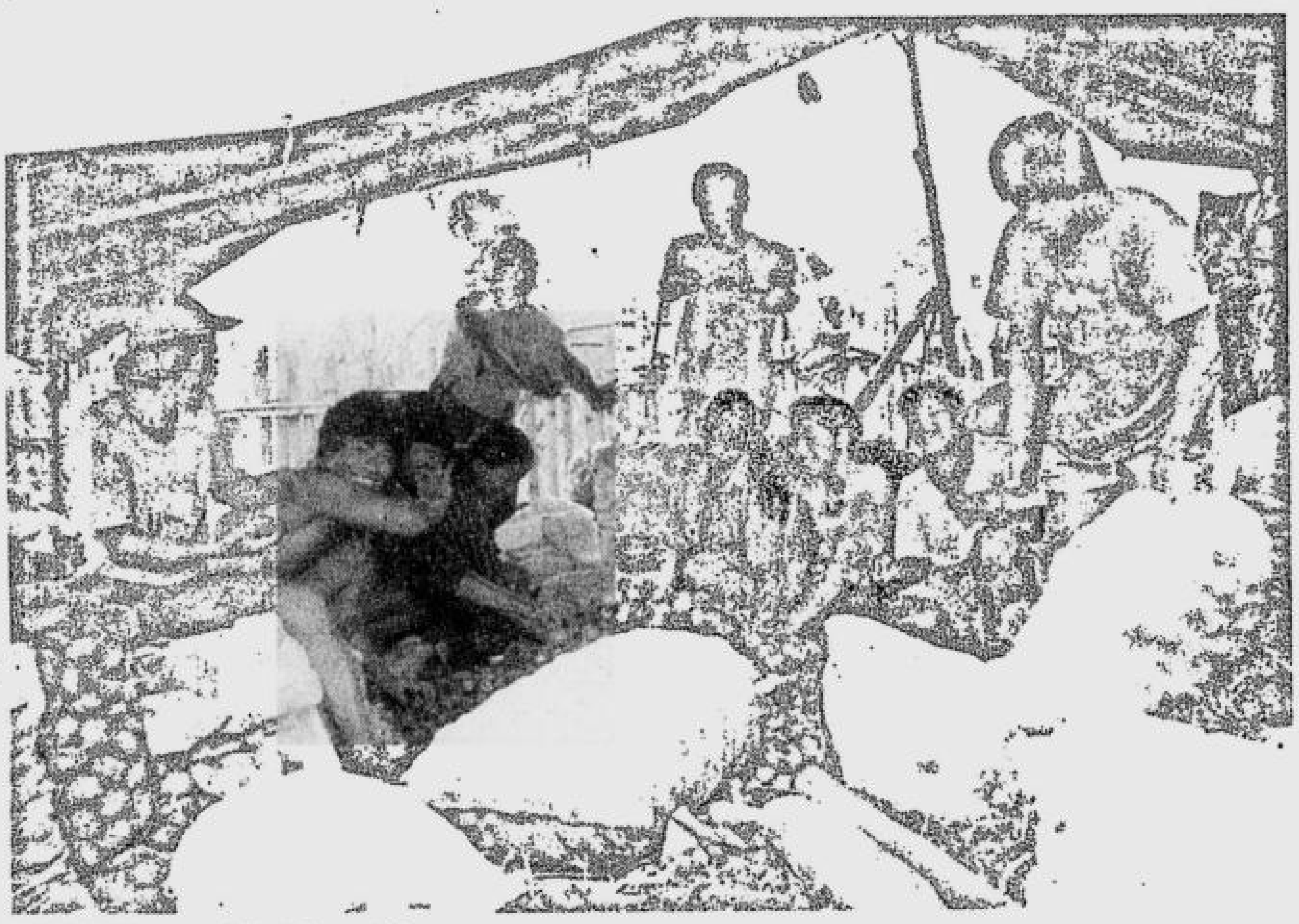
Then along came the foreign-assisted programs in the early 1990s. This opened up for Nong Supring and other *promdi* ("from the province") entrepreneurs a plethora of opportunities to improve their craft and carve market niches. One of these was the Craft Village Development Program (CVDP) of the Department of Trade and Industry whose beneficiaries included the El Niño Loom Weavers Association, of which Nong Supring was a member.

The CVDP had all the bases covered—from values reorientation and bookkeeping to learning the dynamics of negotiation and trade fair participation; from developing new designs and product lines to learning new techniques in dyeing and color mixing.

With CVDP, Nong Supring had diversified his product lines to include beach mats that can be folded into bags, sun visors, slippers, placemats, glass coasters, folders, wall decors, dividers and venetian blinds. And most significantly, it paves the way for his eventual foray into regional and national trade fairs with participation expenses bankrolled by CVDP. These clinched for him a lot of business tie-ups with some SM branches, Land Mark, Crossings and some of Manila's leading handicraft exporters. Cemented by his impeccable track record, these lucrative linkages continue up to this day.

Time was when promdi entrepreneurs had these crippling mind set that products from far-flung provinces like Surigao del Sur have no way of landing in the shelves of big stores in the cities for lack of quality; that high freight and handling costs inevitably drive promdi products out of the market; and that institutional buyers like SM and exporters shun promdi entrepreneurs because they're hard to contact and deal with.

But Nong Supring had proven all these to be myths. If your product is good and you're dependable, they'd seek you out, he said.


FARMERS harvest their 'white gold'

Kapatagan farmers go French (fries)

By Joel B. Escovilla
Digos City

Vegetable farmers in remote Barangay Kapatagan here in the foothills of Mt. Apo are unusually excited. And they have every reason to be—all due to the junk foods we eat.

A new firm, Okijo Corp., the sister company of Lonbisco Biscuit Corp., has ventured into the area contracting vegetable farmers into growing white potato, the ideal type used for the processing of potato chips and French fries.

Rosendo Go, President of Okijo Corp., said they will provide the farmers the potato seedlings and the necessary inputs like fertilizers and pesticides to ensure minimum wastage of their crop.

"The only equity we ask is labor and the amount of time they invest into planting and harvesting," he said.

The inputs that the farmers get will be accounted for and deducted from their gross income after harvest.

"We only get what we spent for each farmer. All the profits they earn (will be) theirs," he said.

Okijo Corp. has an agreement with Liwayway Marketing Corp., the maker of Oishi prawn crackers, to buy all the white potato they ship that can be used for the processing of potato chips.

Go said they also intend to supply Universal Robina Corp. (URC) with the necessary raw materials for their Jack and Jill products.

But the company does not intend to stop there. It wants to corner a major share of the total market by also supplying Jollibee Foods Corp., McDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken with potato for their French fries.

"That's why this is very important because we will make this the potato bowl of the Philippines instead of being the vegetable bowl," he said.

Okijo inaugurated the factory last month in Sitio Calamohoy which houses the seedlings, fertilizers and pesticides that the farmers can purchase on credit.

George Inunsaon, 57, dressed in his best *barong* (formal Filipino men's wear) for the inauguration, recalled the days when they were virtually held hostage by New People's Army rebels who dictated how much they can deliver to the market and how much they must deliver to the rebels "for the advancement of the cause."

"I planted mostly cabbage and carrots then but with five children to feed we could hardly survive with the produce that we had and the amount we had to give the rebels," he lamented.

No more fear

He said the residents of Kapatagan lived mostly in fear since those who did not cooperate would wake up one day finding all their crops destroyed.

Inunsaon said he joined the exodus of families who left Kapatagan to try their luck elsewhere. They fled to one of his relatives in Laac, Davao del Norte and then to South Cotabato where he planted graniola coffee only to find himself going back to Kapatagan in the early 1980s when the government recaptured the rebel stronghold.

"I barely had enough to feed my family and send my children to school but we managed to survive all these years," he said.

With the entry of Okijo, he said he might just be able to earn more than enough since they would not have to worry about their market and their inputs.

"We just have to work doubly hard so we could earn more profits," he said.

Okijo Corp. also provides training and updates the farmers on new technologies on how to maximize their harvest per hectare.

Before, the farmers had to spread one-fourth kilogram of sugar for each hectare hoping that the ants will drive away pests that plague their vegetables. Now, they can get pesticides from the factory and they can just pay after harvest time.

With the promises offered by Okijo Corp., the farmers here have started calling the white potato "white gold."

Maximo Buctolan, 68, said that after three months he would have earned at least P20,000 for one-fourth hectare of potato planted.

More than the earnings, he said, they need to perfect the system of planting, harvesting, importing the seedlings, and marketing to really make a difference for the generations to come.

"My children have already suffered enough but perhaps we could provide a better life for our grandchildren," he said.

New instrument

A farmer was so enthusiastic about the promise of white potato that he developed a new instrument to make planting easier.

Eulogio Rico, 67, developed what is locally known as the "Turko Triangle."

It is made of bamboo with three sides, with each side equally measuring 40 centimeters, he said. Using this, a farmer can readily plant potato with the required distance from each plant without using measuring devices.

"This way they can hasten the planting process because they don't have to use measuring tapes or rules each time they plant," he said.

The Turko triangle is so effective that other farmers in the area have also started using the instrument.

"It is so effective in fact that I just might apply to have my instrument patented one of these days," Rico said with a wide grin.

In a feasibility study requested by Okijo Corp., the Philippines has a requirement of 2,000 metric tons of potatoes each month.

But Go said the actual produce of the country's potato producers only amounts to a measly 50 metric tons each month.

"The rest of our requirements are supplemented by imports from Australia, New Zealand and the United States," Go said.

Most of the big fast food chains in the country are importing their requirements for French fries but he said they aim to fill the vacuum by developing the vast agricultural potential of Southern Mindanao.

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Gloria: Unite, defy terror

From page A1

sa has shaken a nation already made edgy by a series of deadly bomb attacks including the ones that occurred Thursday in Zamboanga City. The President met yesterday with Metro Manila mayors, members of her Cabinet and police officials to discuss contingency measures. *(See story in Metro, Page A25.)*

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel said the bomb attacks could have been intended to force Congress to immediately enact the pending anti-terrorism law.

"In my view that is the immediate objective," Pimentel said in Davao City. "And maybe there are others, like the so-called plans for a state of emergency." *(See related story.)*

He said senators should not be stampeded into approving a measure that could undermine human rights.

"The vigilance of our whole society is needed to fully protect ourselves from these secretive and determined extremists," Ms Macapagal said in her radio address.

"Let us not allow ourselves to be cowed into submission by those who seek to terrorize us," she added. "Let our calm determination to pursue our normal lives overwhelm their malicious intent to disrupt. Let our alertness to suspicious activities thwart their evil ways. And let our trust and cooperation with the authorities be our shield to their attacks."

In a a press briefing at the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (Pacer) headquarters in Camp Crame, the President appealed to Metro Manila residents to emulate the people of Cotabato City who had put up a bounty for the arrest of those behind the Oct. 10 bomb attack in a bus terminal in Kidapawan City.

"The support of the public is very strong," she said. "They are not defeatist, they reside in unity to address the threat, and this is the result. I'm appealing to the people in Metro Manila to be like them."

Security measures

Echoing the President, Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., chief of the Philippine National Police, urged the public to cooperate with authorities, to be vigilant and "not to be part of the problem."

Ebdane was quick to downplay speculations that terrorists were roaming the metropolis waiting for an opportunity to mount attacks. "Of course not," he curtly said when asked during a briefing if a wave of terror was gripping Metro Manila.

He said police investigators had yet to establish whether Friday's bus explosion was the handiwork of local or foreign terrorists, or was in any way connected to the Zamboanga blasts. He said investigators were studying all possible angles, including destabilization moves by anti-government groups.

The four police stations in the Northern Metro Manila have raised the security alert.

Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams and bomb-sniffing dogs have been deployed to strategic places in the Caloocan-Malabon-Navotas-Valenzuela (Camanava) area, particularly in malls and Light Rail Transit stations.

Leo Geraldo, a security guard at the Monumento LRT station, said they had become extra meticulous in inspecting the bags and other belongings of commuters to ensure public safety.

But he said the number of commuters had decreased: "We have fewer LRT passengers today. They were probably scared because of what happened in Quezon City last Friday."

Continuing threat

Despite the President's urging to on with living a normal life, police officials cautioned Metro Manila residents against going to crowded places like shopping malls, hinting that another bomb attack could occur.

"There's a continuing threat," said an official who asked not to be named.

"You just have to adjust," said Romina, 21, a frequent visitor of Makati's shopping malls.

"If you wait for the government to do something about all these, then you'll have no choice but to stay home all the time. You will cease to live."

Three teen-aged girls who also visited a Makati mall yesterday seemed more annoyed than scared.

"Bomb threats? Don't they have anything better to do?" one said.

"A lot of people find it hard to find work, and then this (has to happen)," said another.

Security at the Makati malls has likewise been tightened. At the Glorietta, bags were strictly inspected and male shoppers were frisked.

Ayala Land Inc. media affairs manager Raul Redoblado said stringent security measures at Ayala malls, offices and buildings had been put in place since three months and tightened recently.

Redoblado said Ayala management had also instructed shop owners to be on the lookout for suspicious packages and persons. He said a communication network had been installed for easy access to the security force.

"It's safe to say we've been on heightened alert," he said in a phone interview. "We're not taking any chances. We've beefed up our security force."

A security officer of Landmark said that since last week, security forces had been patrolling the mall's perimeter, and personnel detailed inside had also been told to keep an eye out for suspicious packages and persons.

With reports from Cynthia D. Balana, Jerome Aning, Tina Santos and Leila B. Salaverria in Manila; Tonette Orejas and Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk; Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

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For mall rats, it's business as usual

THE MALL rats were unperturbed.

It was business as usual at the shopping malls, particularly the Ever Gotesco Grand Central Mall, the biggest shopping center in Caloocan City, although the number of shoppers has also visibly decreased.

"It's unusual that less people are malling today considering that it's a Saturday and students are on their semester break. Maybe they're scared. Well, what happened last Friday was really something to be scared of," said Gotesco salesperson Luisa Caborial.

It was likewise business as usual for the Victory Liner at Monumento, where security guards took extra care in inspecting passengers' baggage.

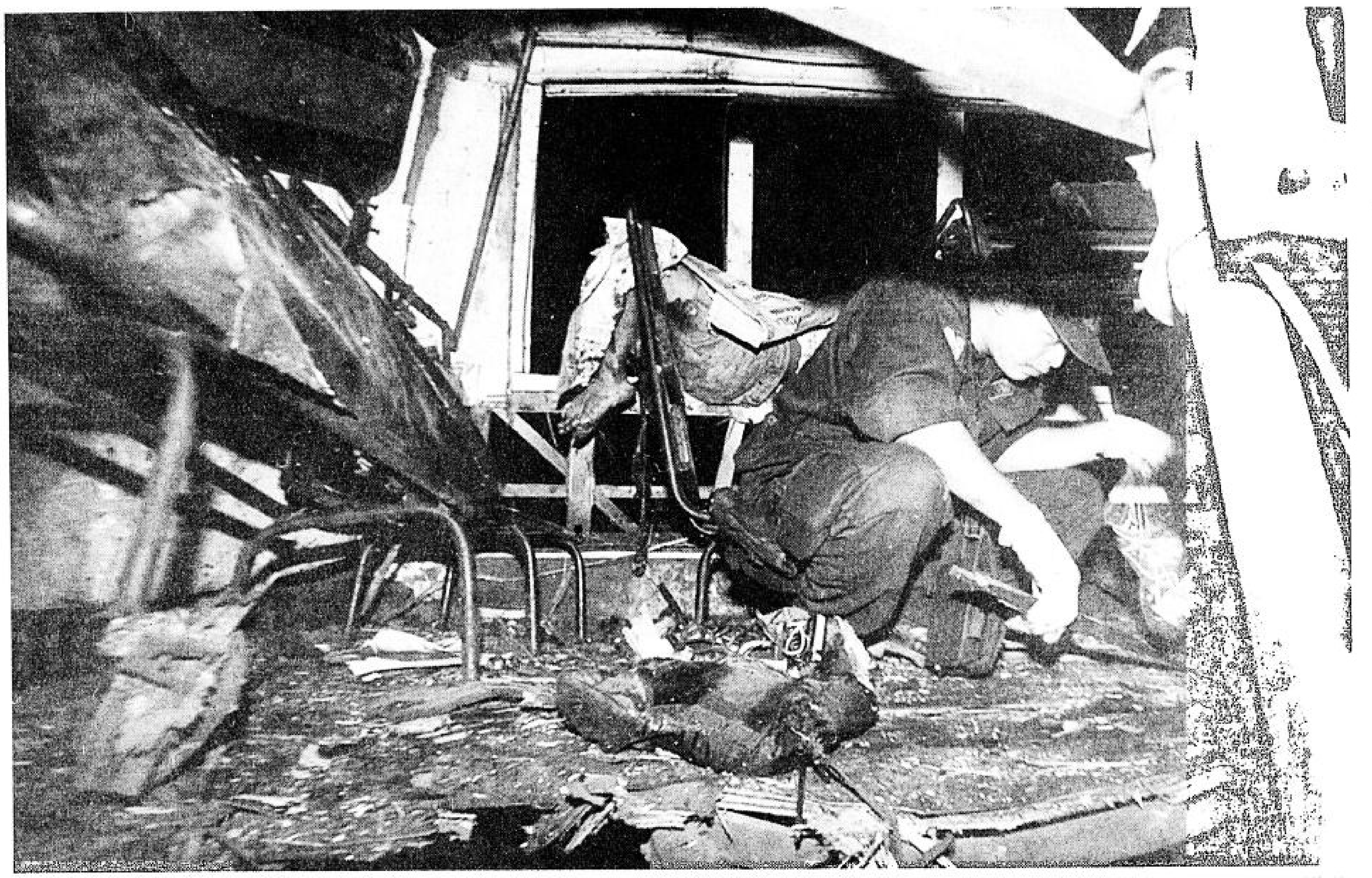
"This procedure will definitely take a lot of time, but it's for the safety of everybody," said bus driver Ricardo Caber.

But passenger Mila Sarmiento said: "I don't mind the long line. As long as we are safe, it's okay."

Caloocan resident Mike Santiago criticized the President regarding her earlier statement that the terror in Zamboanga would not reach Metro Manila.

"Instead of assuring the people that the government is doing its job to make Metro Manila safe from terrorists, she even made a boast," Santiago said. "Her statement only sent a challenge to the terrorists—thus the latest (Friday) bomb attack."

Businesswoman Erica Felipe of Malabon said the President should have faced the threat squarely by putting in place contingency measures to prevent the loss of lives and property.



POLICE prober searches for evidence inside the bus.

RANDY HORMILLOSA

Cell phone triggered blast, probers suspect

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ing. It was plying the Alabang-Novaliches route and was on its way to the Malinta exit.

Two people, both male, died in the blast. But they have yet to be identified because the explosion rendered them beyond recognition and no identification cards were found on them.

"There is a possibility that the two casualties were involved," Sr. Supt. Napoleon Castro, Central Police District director, said in an interview at the scene Friday night. "They could have been on a suicide mission, or the bomb went off prematurely."

Castro said the blast was similar to a bus explosion on Dec. 30, 2000, also in Quezon City.

"The position of the bomb, the explosive material and the style are similar to the one two years ago," he said. "But we have yet to confirm if this was the work of the same group."

Chief Insp. Bart Bustamante, CPD spokesperson, yesterday said their intelligence unit was looking into the involvement of "large organized groups from the Left and Right."

He said among these groups were the secessionist Moro Islamic Liberation Front, a breakaway group of the Moro National Liberation Front, the communist New People's Army and the Abu Sayyaf bandit group.

2-km traffic

Traffic was backed up 2 kilometers on the multi-lane Edsa as a result of the explosion.

Witnesses said body parts littered the ground and a headless corpse was hanging over the wreckage of the bus.

"I was sleeping, then there was a very loud explosion," teenage student Merlyn Villareal, who was aboard the bus but was not injured, told GMA 7 television as she fought back tears Friday night. "There was chaos, and I was pinned down. I was kicked around and found myself outside the bus."

"This is the handiwork of people with evil minds," said Chief Supt. Vidal Querol, acting director for police operations.

"This was definitely an act of terrorism," National Security Adviser Roilo Golez said in an interview yesterday with dzRH radio. "The definition of terrorism is a violent attack on civilians . . . but who (the terrorists) are, we do not know."

Like Castro, Golez said the way the bus bombing was carried out was "very similar" to that which occurred on Dec. 30, 2000, one of five in a series of almost simultaneous blasts in Metro Manila that killed 22 people and injured more than 100 others.

No one has been charged for the 2000 bombings that hit several public facilities, including a Light Rail Transit station.

But Fathur Rohman Al-Ghozi, an Indonesian, told police he helped plan them. He pleaded guilty to charges of possession of explosives last April and was sentenced to 10-12 years in prison.

Al-Ghozi was arrested in January and led police to a buried stash of 1.2 tons of TNT that allegedly were to be used for attacks on Western targets in Singapore. Philippine prosecutors said last Monday they had strong evidence to charge two foreigners and two Filipinos who allegedly provided the money to buy the explosives.

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Like Al-Ghozi, the four are believed to be members of the Indonesian-based militant group Jemaah Islamiyah.

The Office of Civil Defense corrected an earlier figure of three dead, saying police records showed that only two were killed in the explosion. It cited a confusion over the state of the dismembered bodies.

At least 20 people were reported injured. Those who were taken to the East Avenue Medical Center were identified as Merlie Villareal, 18; Hugo Ornie, 20; Jorge Cadenas, 23; Laarni Lozada, 32; Criselda Mayogba, 47; Victor Torino, 28; Julius Sayson, 30; Alberto Caballero, 48; Ely Listana, 41; Jimmy Magpatok, 21, Gilig Delgani, 24; Brenda Sumakay, 22; and Lea Turla, 27.

Those taken to the Quezon City General Hospital were identified as Jocelyn Reyes, 33, and Rodel Reyes, 35, both of Block 4, Lot 3, Villa Samantha, Kaingin, Meycauayan, Bulacan; Enrique Bernas, 38, of Marilao, Bulacan; Donald Abique, 23, of 9 Nueva Ecija St., Bago Bantay, Quezon City; and Helen Ferral of the Riviera Mercantile Corp.

Two people were taken to the Manila Central University Hospital. They were identified as Johnson Eleazar, 28, a dental technician, of 34 Sampaguita St., Bago Bantay, Quezon City; and Roberto Delgado, 19, of 6 Domingo Apartments, Lawang Bato, Malinta, Valenzuela City. *With reports from AP, Reuters*

Last trip for Bus No. 0271

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ing, passengers said, had been knocked unconscious on the floor of the bus by the explosion. Red and black streaks from blood and explosives powder stained his white polo shirt.

"So many people were injured and people are dead. Why do they have to involve us, the small people? We are just working for a living," Balisnomo said in anger.

'Really scary'

"There is no more safe place in Metro Manila. And the situation is really very scary," a shocked and angry Laarni Lozada told the INQUIRER.

Lozada said she was sitting on the fourth row of the bus when the bomb went off. "It was like sand and gravel being thrown at us. The force was so strong."

"I thought I was dead. I thought my dreams were going to end," said Ornie Hugo, 20, who boarded the bus near SM North Edsa.

Hugo had just graduated from the Philippine Maritime Institute this year. As the eldest child and sole breadwinner of his family, he decided to take a job at the SM North Edsa mall as a stacker.

But he still dreams of going abroad on board a ship and of sending money to his family. In an interview Friday night at the emergency room of the East Avenue Medical Center, he said he had already submitted his application and was awaiting the results.

That fateful night, this dream almost ended.

Hugo was one of the lucky ones, having positioned himself in front of the bus. He escaped with only a few superficial wounds.

"I was thinking of sitting at the rear. It's a good thing I changed my mind," he said.

During the interview with the INQUIRER, Hugo's mother called him on the cell phone.

"I'm alive, Ma. Don't worry, I just have some injuries. You can still cook my favorite *kare-kare* for me," Hugo told his mother.

"I'm sort of the favorite of my mother and she loves cooking *kare-kare* for me," said Hugo as he tried to fight off tears with a brave smile.

Another lucky passenger was Julius Sayson, 30, and a helper from Bulacan. He escaped with minor injuries, but he complained of a constant ringing in his ear.

"I thought I would never see my family again," said Sayson, who is married with kids.

Like Hugo, Sayson works hard to provide for his family and dreamed of a better life beyond his working-class background. He dreamed of buying their own home.

Victims to heroes

After the explosion, Hugo, Sayson and the other passengers got off the bus, shocked, disoriented and temporarily deaf.

When they came to their senses, they decided it was time to help the other passengers.

Hugo saw a co-worker of his, Brenda Sumakay, also shocked and crying. "She told me not to leave her. *Naawa ako sa kanya*. I tried to comfort her and tell her that everything would be fine."

He saw to it that Brenda would be brought to a hospital. "I never even knew her name until tonight," Hugo said.

After quickly getting off the bus, Sayson went back into the bus and tried to help a man bathed in blood. "But he was already lifeless."

Next, Sayson tried to help Quising and managed to get the conductor on his feet and off the bus.

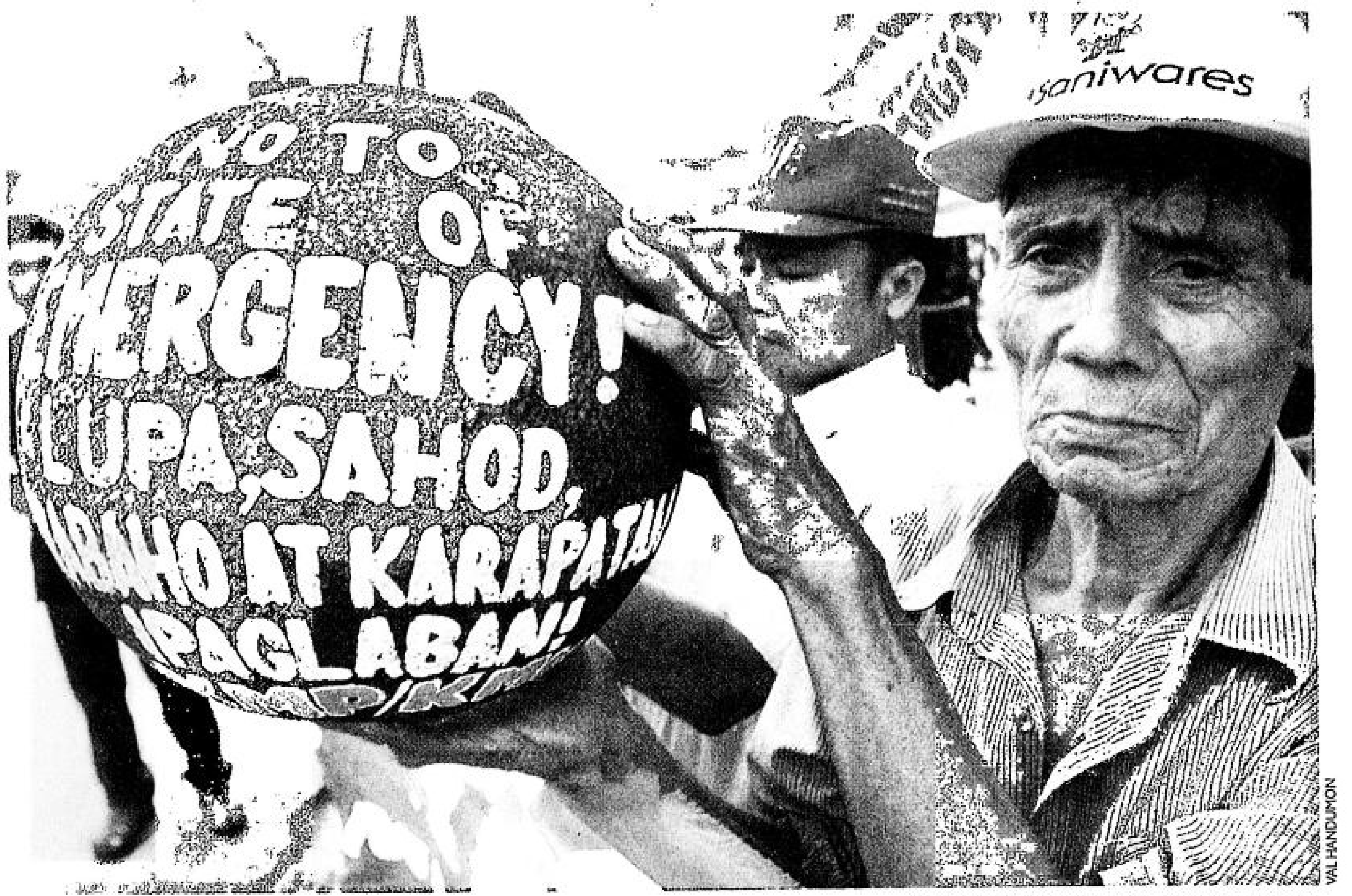
Both Sayson and Hugo said they heard a man call out to others to "please help my girlfriend."

But in the chaos that followed, Sayson and Hugo were unable to reach the man.

"I don't know what happened to them, but I saw people help them. I just don't know if they made it. I hope they did," Hugo said.

EDWIN BACASMAS

FRAMED by PNP Chief Ebdane and AFP Chief of Staff Benjamin Defensor, President Macapagal starts an emergency security meeting.



VAL HANDUMON

THE PEASANT Movement of the Philippines suspects President Macapagal and the military of whipping up a bomb scare to justify the declaration of martial law.

'Choice of crisis powers for GMA or martial rule'

By Juliet L. Javellana

THE "STATE of lawlessness" manifested in the bomb attacks on Zamboanga City and Metro Manila should be grounds for Congress to grant President Macapagal-Arroyo emergency powers, Deputy Speaker for the Visayas Raul Gonzalez said yesterday.

Gonzalez (Lakas, Iloilo) said he would file tomorrow a resolution seeking such powers for the President. "We need extraordinary measures to interdict the upsurge of lawless violence. She should be given ample powers now because it is very clear that we have a national emergency situation," he told the INQUIRER.

Gonzalez said he raised the matter in the last two meetings of the National Security Council in Malacañang when the most pressing concern was possible terrorist attacks after the bombing in Bali.

He said the President took note of his statements but she was careful not to be misconstrued as initiating the proposal.

Usual objections

Gonzalez said he expected furious objections from the likes of Representatives Satur Ocampo (Bayan Muna) and Etta Rosales (Akbayan). But he expressed confidence that his resolution would be adopted.

Such a resolution requires approval by both chambers before the President can exercise the emergency powers.

But Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. said there was no need for the government to "over-panic."

"We will watch the unfolding of the scenario," he said in Dagupan City. "If it worsens, then (it means the terrorists) are tempting the authorities to consider stronger measures."

De Venecia said people should instead be vigilant without disrupting their normal routine. He also said funds would be made available for more police visibility and more effective intelligence gathering to foil criminality and terrorism.

Gonzalez, however, said the grant of emergency powers—previously given to then Presidents Corazon Aquino during the coup attempts and Fidel Ramos during the electric power crisis—would be short of declaring martial law.

He said the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, exercised under martial rule, would not be part of the powers.

Gonzalez also said Congress could choose to give the President emergency powers for a limited period, possibly six months, to give her a strong hand to deal with the threat of international terrorism in Southeast Asia.

He said that with such powers, Ms Macapagal could use the military for "police work" and effect the warrantless arrest of suspected terrorists and their detention for as long as three days without charges.

"It will strengthen (her) hand in taking action against criminals," he said. "She will have direct power to command (the military) because now, there's still the chain of command (to follow)."

'More benign' option

Anticipating violent objections from human rights advocates inside and out of Congress, Gonzalez said emergency powers were the "more benign and more benevolent" among the President's options.

He pointed out that even without an action from Congress, the President had the power under the Constitution to impose martial law in the Philippines or parts of it.

He added that in case of grave emergencies, the President could order without congressional approval the temporary takeover of privately owned industries and installations like the Manila Electric Co. to protect the state.

"It's a question of which is better—giving the President emergency powers or the President declaring martial law. I will go for the more benign approach," he said.

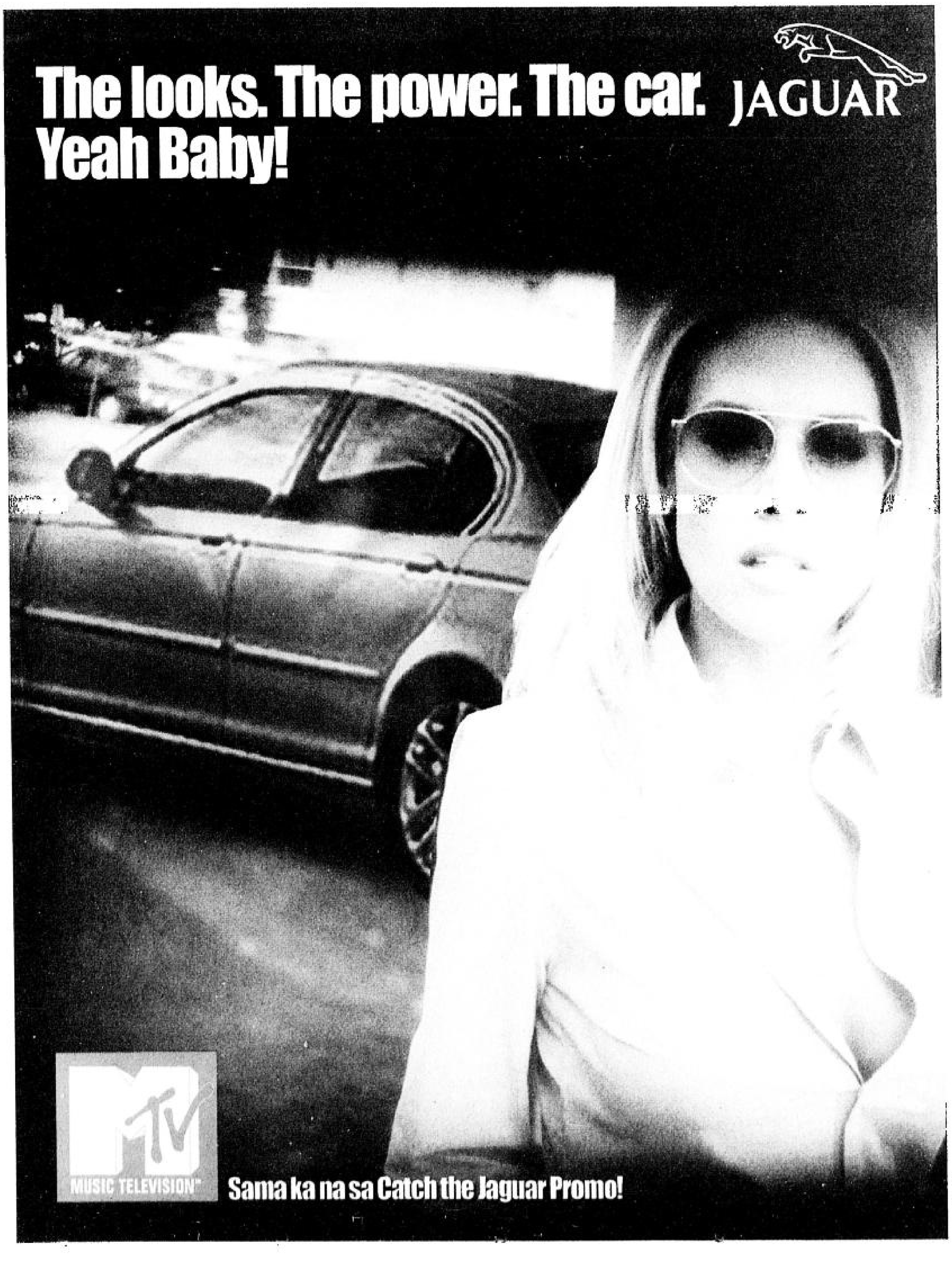
According to Gonzalez, it is always better for the President to get the consent of Congress because its members are the people's direct representatives.

"The President should use the ... powers available to her under the general-welfare clause of the Constitution," he said.

"If we can't have the situation under control, the credibility of the state will suffer more," he said.

On the other hand, Gonzalez said, the government could not just keep on mouthing the standard line.

"How can you control the bombings?" he said. "The peso has plunged, you cannot go to the malls, you cannot ride the bus. Businesses are hurt, your economy is suffering. Nobody will believe us if we keep on saying the situation is under control." *With a report from Yolanda Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*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SMB faces FedEx; Gin vs Purefoods

ILDEFONSO in action during the recent Busan Asian Games.

GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
3:45 p.m.–FedEx vs San Miguel Beer
5:45 p.m.–Ginebra vs Purefoods

By June Navarro

AIR21-FEDERAL Express battles a San Miguel Beer team whose core is still hurting from the wounds of the country's Asian Games debacle at the opener of the season-ending PBA Selecta All-Filipino Cup today at the Araneta Coliseum.

But Asian Gamers Olsen Racela, Dondon Hontiveros, Danny Ildefonso and SMB head coach Jong Uichico, though recuperating from the pain of a fourth-place finish in Busan, South Korea, will try to put everything behind as they begin a new life in this conference starting with the Express encounter at 3:45 p.m.

Eric Menk, who also donned the national colors in the Asiad, finally suits up for Barangay Ginebra since being traded from the now-defunct Tanduay in the off-season as the Kings tangle with the Noy Castillo-spiked Purefoods TJ Hotdogs in the second game at 5:45 p. m.

The Express beefed up their roster last conference with the acquisition of Vergel Meneses, hinting of a better finish compared to their twin semifinal eliminations in the past two conferences.

But for a young and promising team like the Express, landing in the semifinals for two straight outings is already an achievement they can really be proud of.

"We're not really expecting a good finish in those conferences. But we did and there's nothing wrong if we aim for the championships this time around," said Air21-FedEx coach Derrick Pumaren.

Aside from Meneses, Pumaren has a breed of reliable scorers on the Express fold–Yancy De Ocampo and Renren Ritualo, the leading contenders for this year's rookie of the year award.

Uichico, out for nine months after calling the shots for the Nationals, will reunite with the Beermen, who, in his absence, failed to land in the championships in the first two conferences of the 2002 season.

It seems highly unusual for a San Miguel Beer team, which has won six of its eight championship appearances since Uichico took over in 1999.

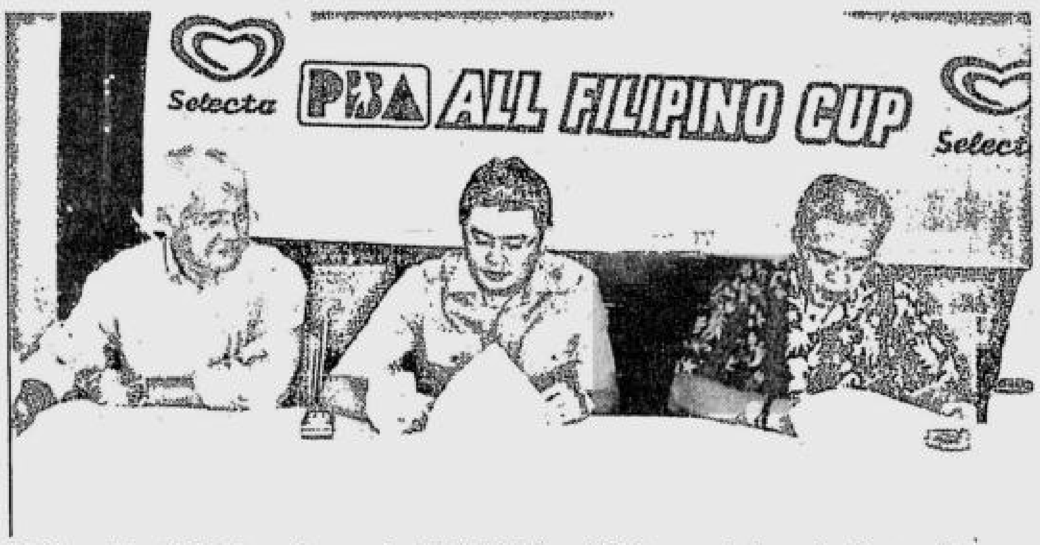
As Uichico rejoins the Beermen, his national team assistants–Eric Altamirano and Allan Caidic–will be renewing their ties with Purefoods and Barangay Ginebra as well.

While Altamirano was away sharing his craft for the buildup of the national team in the Asiad, his deputy, Ryan Gregorio, steered the TJ Hotdogs to their first title in five years during the first conference.

This time, the Hotdogs will be powered by the sweet-shooting Castillo and old reliables Kerby Raymundo, Rey Evangelista and Alvin Patrimonio, making them a better team than the one which captured the Governor's Cup crown.

In contrast, Caidic will make a comeback into the Ginebra fold thinking of ways on how to improve the Kings' campaign this season.

The Kings had suffered early exits, failing to get past the eliminations and into the quarterfinals on both occasions.



RFM president/CEO Joey Concepcion III (middle) and PBA commissioner Jun Bernardino formalize Selecta's entry as the sponsor for the last PBA Conference this year billed as the Selecta-PBA All Filipino Cup. Joining them is RFM consultant Elmer Yanga.

Swim head quits; polls set Oct. 26

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PHILIPPINE Swimming Association, one of those who fared miserably during the recent Busan Asian Games, is set to hold an election for president on Oct. 26 after incumbent Eddie Boy Ledesma resigned weeks before the Asiad.

This was confirmed by Pasa secretary general Ral Rosario who added that despite the swimmers' forgettable showing in the Asiad, he still think there's no need to revamp the association.

Rosario, who won a gold in swimming in the Asian Games back in 1978, said it's difficult to blame "people who have been there on voluntary basis."

Rosario said they are satisfied, for now, to see that all the Filipino swimmers qualified for the finals in their respective events considering that only a few did four years ago in Bangkok.

"Of course, we wanted to win medals, but our swimmers were going against world-class contenders like the Chinese," Rosario told the INQUIRER.

He said it is not enough for the association to get funding from the government and that the Pasa also needs cooperation from all sectors of society, particularly the schools where the national swimmers are enrolled.

"We need their help," Rosario said. "Sometimes, we find it really hard to 'borrow' the swimmers from their schools even during the first grading period."

World-class tilts for RP pugs up

By Roy Luarca

THE AMATEUR Boxing Association of the Philippines will be highly selective in the international tournaments it is going to take part in starting next year.

"We'll no longer be sending our boxers in tournaments where they have little to gain," Abap president Manny Lopez told the INQUIRER Thursday night. "We'll see to it that they are exposed to good caliber, class A competition. World level will be our target."

Lopez's decision came about after Filipino boxers again failed to land a gold medal in the just concluded Busan Asian Games, settling for a silver courtesy of light fly Harry Tanamor.

Lopez wants to expand Abap's "Grand Plan" geared toward capturing that elusive Olympic gold in Athens in 2006.

Of course, grassroots development and international exposure remain on the priority list, but Lopez has added a new key area—the improvement of Abap's relationship with the mother federation, the Amateur International Boxing Association.

For several years now, Lopez has tried not to kowtow to the whims and caprices of AIBA head, Prof. Anwar Chowdry. And it produced no good results as Filipino boxers got shut out of a medal in the Sydney Olympics and were limited to just a bronze in the 1998 Bangkok Asiad. Oftentimes, after being shortchanged in officiating.

To avoid such repetitive, disappointing incidents, Lopez has decided to return to AIBA's good graces again. He felt that his acceptance to be a member of the boxing jury in the Busan Asiad was a good start.

"While there were cases when we felt we should have won, the judging in the finals was quite fair," said Lopez. "There was something in store for us, but it came a little late."

Lopez said Tanamor was leading his South Korean opponent in the championship bout, when he re-injured his hand and couldn't carry on the fight.

Lopez wants the coaching staff, composed of Gregorio Caliwan, Noli Velasco and Pat Gaspi, to re-evaluate those who didn't fare well in Busan with the target of finding new talents.

SLR racefest today at Santa Ana Park

THE STA. Lucia Realty Racing Festival reels off today at the Santa Ana Park.

Highlight of the day-long racefest is the Philracom-Sta. Lucia Realty Colegiala Stakes Race, a P450,000 event exclusive for foreign-bred or imported thoroughbreds that have already competed in local races.

"We are certainly thrilled to be a part of this exciting horse race among the country's top imported gallopers and we are more than delighted to be a major participant in this vibrant sport of horse racing," said Sta. Lucia Realty chairman and PRCI vice chair Exequiel "Exy" Robles.

Expected to be installed as top favorite for the 1,600-meter race is recent Japan Racing Association (JRA) Cup winner Buena Sera, an Australian-bred filly set to be ridden by star jockey Pat Dilema.

Buena Sera's principal challengers are Triregal, Jade Louise, Royal Lantana and Sunny Puddles.

Other entries are Entracte, coupled entries Honour Graduate and Grannykan, Cosanne, Bye Bye Baby, Renowned and Dancing Mistress.

Aspac Jr Masters slated

THE LEGENDS course of the Manila Southwoods will host the first Asia-Pacific Junior Masters championship on Dec. 10-13 with no less than 12 countries all over the region expected to participate.

The event to be conducted by the Junior Golf Foundation of the Philippines will be launched to join the annual Asia-Pacific junior golf championship as the premier jungolf tournaments in Asia and the Pacific.

The Philippines was chosen to host the inaugural staging during the Asian championships in Taiwan.

"We are deeply honored to have been picked as the first venue. I think our neighbors recognize that it is in the Philippines where the interest in the promotion of jungolf really started," said Amalia "Mommy" Montecillo, chair of Jungolf.

Philracom on the move

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

ALARMED by reports of alleged fixing at the races, the Philippine Racing Commission has started to bare its fangs and looked ready to crack the whip on any erring jockey, trainer, groom or even horseowner.

Only a few days ago, the Jimmy Dilag-led racing body summoned star jockey Jonathan Hernandez to shed light on the questionable loss of Golden Ballet last Oct. 12 at San Lazaro.

Chairman Dilag said the Philracom is coming out with its decision regarding that incident this coming week and according to my Silip Boy "*tiyak na may masasagasaan dito.*"

The Golden Ballet incident is just only the beginning of a massive Philracom crackdown as it zeroes in on another "race-fixing" report in the coming days.

My Silip Boy added that Dilag, dubbed "Mr. Action Man" by racing fans, and commissioners Eddie Jose, Roger Tandiama, Bobok Domingo Jr., Vergel Cruz, Jun Sevilla and Francis Trillana are also looking into the Classic race of the recent Philtobo-Mitra Cup won by longshot Lord of All.

Through the requisition of Commissioner Jose, the Philracom, my Silip Boy said, is investigating whether there was indeed a "conspiracy" hatched against top favorite Batangas Entry. "*Ugung na ugong kasi na pinagtulungan daw duon si* Batangas Entry *kaya iimbestigahan ng* Philracom," my Silip Boy told me.

Going back to the Golden Ballet setback, rumors whirled that one horseowner made lots of moolah out of that dubious outcome. And rumors have it that the said horseowner is connected with one of the horses which participated in that race.

"We'll try to get into the bottom of that and the other reports of race fixing. *Gusto natin malutas agad yan kasi dito sa* Philracom *ngayon di kami natutulog,*" Dilag told us over the phone yesterday.

President Arroyo, who herself is bent on ridding the country of terrorists, would be very pleased to hear that.

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The Philracom probe of Hernandez came as the *bayang kareristas* remained puzzled as to why Golden Ballet was beaten in that Race for Life event.

Here are some comments from the e-mail:

"*Pa'no natalo yon eh ang ganda ganda ng panalo sa* Mitra Cup 3? *Nagkayarian na naman!*" asked Reynald del Carmen of Fairview, QC.

Another reader, Romeo Maclarin of Cainta, Rizal, has this to say: "*Bakit si* JB Hernandez *lang ang inimbestigahan ng* Philracom? *Dapat pati may-ari at* trainer."

"***Makarma sana nang matindi yung mga yumayari sa karera. Dapat matindi ang parusa sa kanila pag nahuli,"'*** wrote Consuelo Quindiagan of Damong Maliit, Caloocan City.

Space permitting, we'll print the rest next Sunday.

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San Lazaro Hippodrome hosting major stakes races Oct. 27

THE KLUB Don Juan de Manila, an exclusive club of horse racing enthusiasts and sportsmen, will hold the Klub Don Juan Derby Day on Oct. 27 at the Manila Jockey Club's San Lazaro Hippodrome.

The new Don Juan Derby envisions to bring back the prestige and glamor of the cherished horse racing tradition and make it more relevant to the changing times as it aims to address more pressing social concerns like poverty and health care. The original Derby races were organized by the Philippine Tuberculosis Society.

Leading support to the racefest are the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Pagcor, Manila Jockey Club, Inc., Tab Philippines, Inc. and the Philippine Racing Commission, as well as Fort Ilocandia Resorts & Casino, Toro Motors Corporation and Home Development Fund, Inc.

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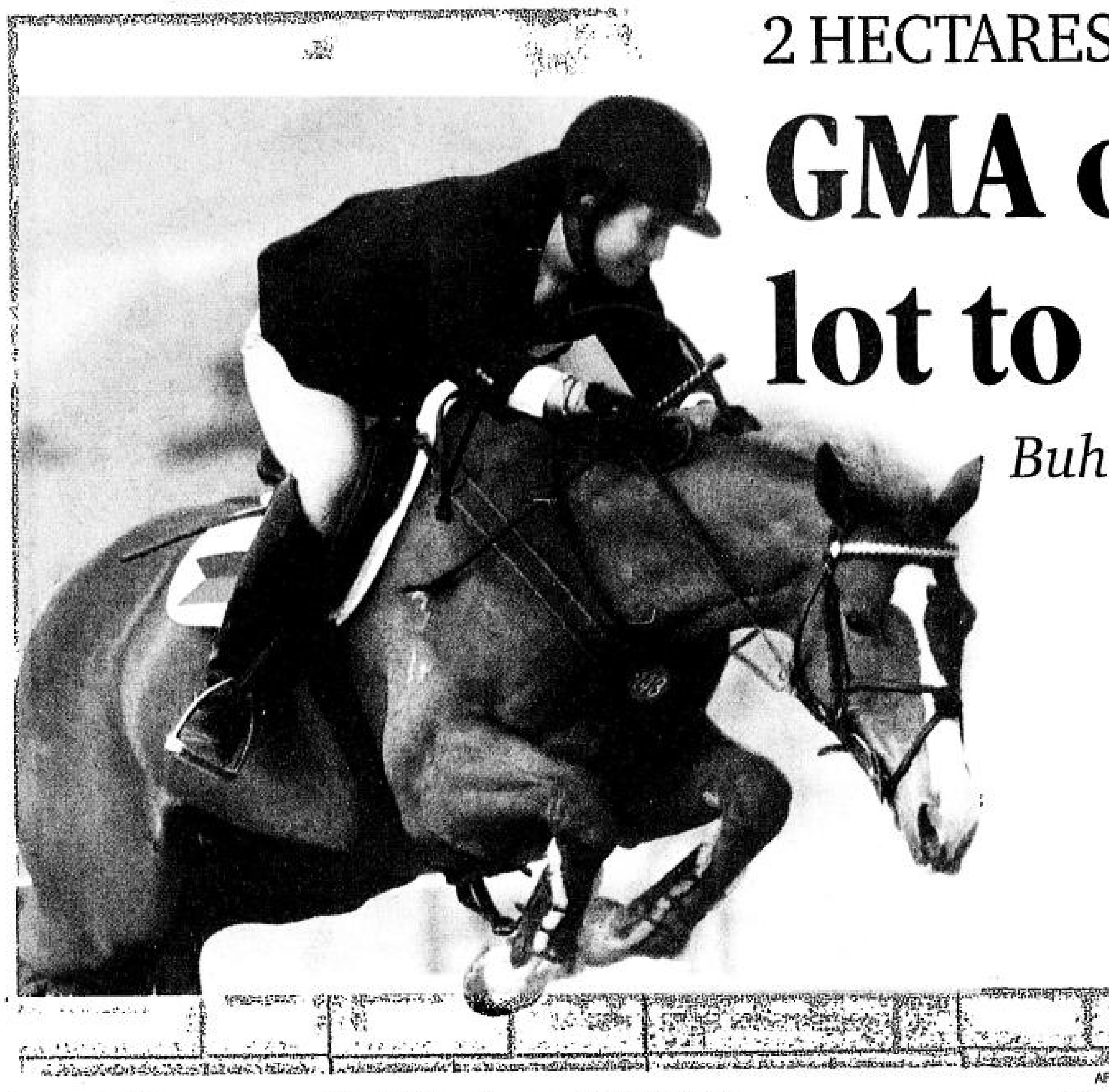

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MIKEE en route to winning the gold medal in the recent Asian Games (top photo). Below, Mikee's mom Tingting Cojuangco taps Rustic Rouge, who was flown in from Busan, South Korea last Friday.

ROGER MARGALLO

By Al S. Mendoza
Sports Editor

GLADDENED by Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski's gold medal victory in the recent Asian Games, President Macapagal-Arroyo has ordered the allotment of two hectares of land at Fort Bonifacio for the construction of an ultra-modern equestrian grounds—the first in the country.

MACAPAGAL

COJUANGCO

Ms Macapagal made the directive to General Camiling, the Ft. Bonifacio chief, during Mikee's victory party at Wack Wack on Friday where the Chief Executive was the guest of honor.

"The President was very, very happy with Mikee's win," said former Rep. Jose "Peping" Cojuangco, Mikee's father. "She said she could not believe that Mikee won it."

Another very important guest was no less than Cory Aquino, the former President of the Republic who is Mikee's first-degree aunt (Peping's sister).

Also joining the party were business tycoon and Peping's first-degree cousin Danding Cojuangco and Danding's wife Gretchen, whose grandchildren Michelle Barrera, Danielle and Paola Cojuangco were part of the silver winning equestrian team in the last Asiad.

Other guests included bowling president Steve Hontiveros, Olympic boss Cito Dayrit, chair Eric Buhain of the Philippine Sports Commission, sports patron Arben Santos and Sen. Robert Jaworski, Mikee's father-in-law.

Buhain is also set to follow up on another prospect for an equestrian track/grounds at BF Homes in Parañaque through the Aguirres.

Peping, for many years a Tarlac solon, said he was very happy that the President acted swiftly as regards to the immediate need to put up the country's first equestrian track/grounds at Ft. Bonifacio in accordance with international standards.

"Many kids in the country have suddenly come to me expressing their desire to pursue their equestrian dreams and follow in the footsteps of Mikee," said Peping, who has been president of the Philippine Equestrian Federation for nearly three years now as Tony Boy Cojuangco's successor.

Despite learning her craft at the modest facilities of the Manila Polo Club and Alabang Country Club, the 27-year-old, 5-foot-7 Mikee bucked the odds in Busan, South Korea, to defeat her more seasoned rivals from Korea and Japan.

"Horse riding has always been her love," said Peping of Mikee, whose is married to Dodot, the eldest son of Sen. Jaworski. "At age 12, I tried without success to veer her attention away from equestrian and brought her to bowling alleys and golf courses. *Pero ayaw talaga. Gusto* equestrian."

Peping said Mikee had more sacrifices than "real joy" pursuing her equestrian career.

"Not many know it but Mikee and her fellow equestrian lovers bathe their own horses, walk them around in the sun to dry them up, brush their skin and hair," said Peping. *"Sila rin ang nagbebenda sa paa ng kabayo*. They join their horses during truck-rides, where they usually fall asleep due to exhaustion. And they talk a lot to their horses, otherwise, there would be communication gap."

He said the movie "The Horse Whisperer" starring Robert Redford depicted the true partnership between the horse and his/her pal.

The former solon also said it was his hope that the Ft. Bonifacio project be started soonest.

"We really have to start it as soon as possible as the public really needs a public equestrian grounds right now," he said. *"Habang mainit pa ang mga bata at lahat ng* aficionados *ng* equestrian *dahil sa panalo ni* Mikee, we need to build it now. I thank the President for her graciousness and understanding."

Agassi advances; Paradorn ousted

AGASSI

MADRID, Spain–Andre Agassi beat a Spanish player on home turf for the second straight day and moved into the semifinals of the inaugural Madrid Masters on Friday.

The seven-time Grand Slam champion from Las Vegas had a relatively easy 6-3, 6-2 win in the quarterfinals against Juan Carlos Ferrero, the top Spaniard and his country's only player left in Spain's biggest tennis tournament ever.

Agassi, who was extended to a three-set thriller Thursday by wild-card entry Feliciano Lopez, was never really challenged by Ferrero while serving and closed out the match with an ace.

In Saturday's semifinals, Agassi will play Sebastien Grosjean, the No. 7 seed from France.

Grosjean stopped Agustin Calleri's remarkable run, beating the Argentine qualifier 6-3, 7-6 (4).

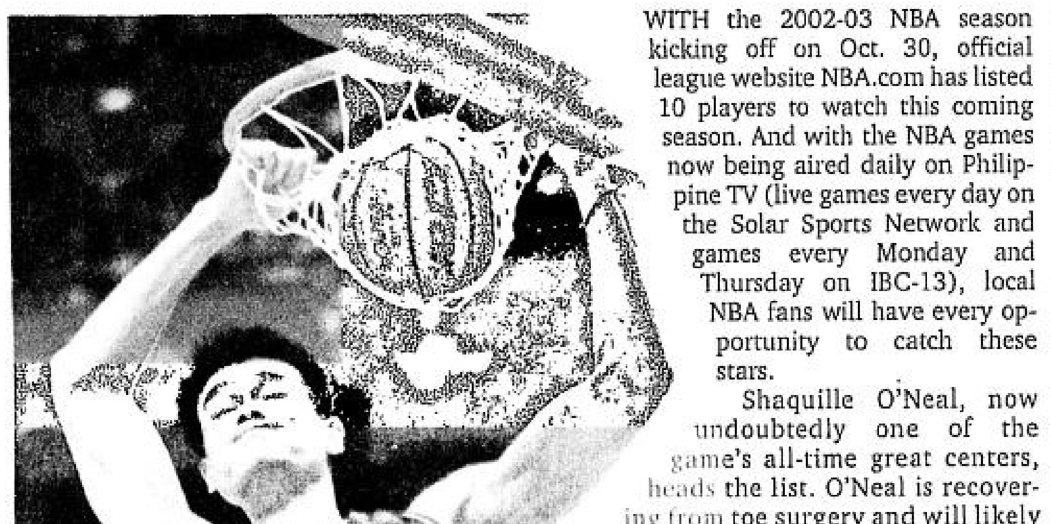
Also Friday, Jiri Novak improved his chances of securing a spot at the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai by beating Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan. The 11th-seeded Czech won 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 on the Rockodromo center court.

In Zurich, Switzerland, sixth-seeded Kim Clijsters lost to a steadily-improving Lindsay Davenport, 6-3, 7-6 (5), Friday in the quarterfinals of the US$1,224,000 Swisscom Challenge.

"I wasn't feeling 100 percent," said the 19-year-old Clijsters, who can take comfort in the fact that she has already qualified for the season-ending Championships in Los Angeles at the end of the month. *AP*

NBA PREVIEW

Shaq heads 10 players to watch



YAO MING: Rookie of the Year hopeful.

WITH the 2002-03 NBA season kicking off on Oct. 30, official league website NBA.com has listed 10 players to watch this coming season. And with the NBA games now being aired daily on Philippine TV (live games every day on the Solar Sports Network and games every Monday and Thursday on IBC-13), local NBA fans will have every opportunity to catch these stars.

Shaquille O'Neal, now undoubtedly one of the game's all-time great centers, heads the list. O'Neal is recovering from toe surgery and will likely be back pain-free in December. Once back at full strength, the 2002 NBA Finals MVP will be poised to strap the LA Lakers on his shoulders and lead them to a fourth straight NBA championship.

Michael Jordan returns from knee surgery for what may be his last NBA season. By scoring just under 23 points a game last year, he revived a dormant Washington Wizards franchise, but his knees could only hold up for 60 games. This season, he has a new sidekick in fellow NBA All-Star Jerry Stackhouse (formerly of Detroit). Look for the living legend to go out with a bang.

Grant Hill has only played in 18 games in the last two seasons, but he is back feeling stronger than ever. "The Magic need the real Grant Hill (career averages of 21 points, eight rebounds and five assists a game) to step up to have a legitimate shot at the Eastern Conference title," said NBA.com. But will his ankle stand up to the rigors of an 82-game season and how will he blend with rising star Tracy McGrady?

The NBA.com list also includes a trio of rookies (Yao Ming, Jay Williams and Emanuel Ginobili), three veterans expected to make a huge impact on new teams (Keon Clark, Vin Baker and Antonio McDyess) and a comebacking retired big man said to be the best passing center ever to play in the NBA (Arvydas Sabonis).

The NBA's official website calls the 7-5 Yao (Houston Rockets) and point guard Williams (Chicago Bulls) as the favorites to win the Rookie of the Year Award and lists Ginobili, the star of Argentina in the last World Championships, as an impact player for the San Antonio Spurs.

The 6-11 Clark, a strong shot blocker and solid offensive threat, may be the missing piece in the Sacramento King's drive to a title.

Baker, a four-time NBA All-Star from 1995-98, was considered an "overweight, disruptive force" in Seattle. But after shedding some weight and working on his game in the off-season, he may be able to rejuvenate his career with the Boston Celtics.

McDyess, projected to be the New York Knicks' best low-post threat since the heyday of Patrick Ewing, is reportedly out for the season after fracturing his knee cap in a pre-season game.

The centerless Portland Trailbalzers coaxed the 7-3, 38-year-old Sabonis out of retirement to fill the void and match-up against O'Neal.

La Immaculada sparkles

LA IMMACULADA Concepcion School topped the elementary chess competitions yesterday in the 2002 Milo Little Olympics.

La Immaculada won the gold in the boys' event followed by Sienna College-Bulacan while Marist School and Pateros Catholic School landed third place.

In the girls' bracket, La Immaculada won over Rafael Palma ES and Luis Pascual ES took home the bronze medal with Sienna College in the Milo Little Olympics organized by the Children's Tennis Workshop group.

All set for 21st PCA tennis championship Nov. 12-24

REGISTRATION is now ongoing for the 21st Philippine Columbian Association (PCA) Open Tennis Championships slated Nov. 12-24 at the PCA indoor courts.

The event, which offers a total purse of ₱400,000 and billed as the most prestigious and the longest-running netfest in the country, will have competitions in the men's and women's singles and doubles categories.

Winners will receive ₱80,000 (men's singles), ₱30,000 (women's singles), ₱18,000 (men's doubles) and ₱8,000 (women's doubles).

There will also be competitions in the boys and girls 18-under, 16-under, 14-under, 12-under and unisex 10-under divisions to be held on Nov. 2-3 and 8-10 while the team and college tennis will begin on Nov. 9.

Players may register with tournament referee Boy Leonora and Loida Mallare at Philta (525-6434), or Bobby Mangunay (0918-9330448) and Jeng Antaran (0918-9367461) at PCA (5638501 loc. 132, 113, 131).

10 days to NBA opening on Oct. 30. Did you know that only four NBA players have ever averaged over 21 points per game in their first 10 seasons? They are Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Oscar Robertson, Michael Jordan and Mitch Richmond.

All eyes on Bonds as Giants-Angels W. Series begins

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

ANAHEIM, California—The moment Barry Bonds has wanted his entire career is almost at hand.

"It's something I've worked for forever," the San Francisco Giants slugger said Friday.

BONDS

Starting Saturday night (Sunday morning in Manila), it'll be the Giants vs the Anaheim Angels, baseball's first all wild-card Series and a matchup full of neat subplots—former teammates Dusty Baker and Mike Scioscia managing against each other, the fresh face of Francisco Rodriguez and, of course, the Rally Monkey.

But for fans and most everyone else, all the attention will be on Bonds, whether the Angels pitch to him or not.

Because for everything Bonds has done— four-time MVP, home-run king, batting champion, records and Gold Gloves galore —this next week will define the career of perhaps the greatest player of this generation.

At 38, in his 17th major league season and his postseason failures in the past—for now, at least, the chance is his.

Bonds has played 2,439 games in the regular season, far more anyone before getting to their first World Series. Tim Raines used to hold the mark with 2,112, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Others waited longer and never made it. Hall of Famers Ernie Banks (2,528 games) and Billy Williams (2,488) had the misfortune of playing for the Chicago Cubs too long, and Hall of Famer Ted Lyons pitched 21 seasons for the White Sox through World War II and never got there.

Rarely has a World Series been so overshadowed by a single player going into Game 1. Over the years, the likes of Roger Maris, Reggie Jackson and yes, even Jose Canseco, created quite a stir.

But not to the point where it skewed the whole Series.

Still, what to do with a guy who batted .370, hit 46 more home runs to move within 142 of Hank Aaron's all-time mark and reached base 58 percent of the time?

Atlanta and St. Louis tried different strategies in the National League playoffs. They pitched around him. They pitched to him. They challenged him. They teased him. None of it worked.

SPORTSWATCH

Delasin joining Manila Ladies tilt

DIVINA Delasin, younger sister of LPGA star Dorothy, will join homegrown talents in the chase for the championship when the Manila Lady Golfers Foundation Inc. stage the Manila Ladies Amateur Open on Nov. 11-14 at the popular Wack Wack Golf and Country Club west course. Delasin, who once took a crack a the LPGA but has already reverted to amateur, will be joined by low-hadicappers like Aileen Yao, Lucy Landicho, Carmelette Villaroman, Tracy Locsin, Lora Roberto, La Bakunawa and Carina Ricamote. The event is sponsored by Taylormade Adidas, PBCom, Bingo Bonanza, Pagcor, Unilever, Welch, Paraiso de Jardin, Herma Corp., Britanny, Splash, Fortune Tobacco, PacSports, San Miguel, Orocan, Star Pack, Red Ribbon, Shangri-La Makati, Summit Sports and Spa, Godiva and Mango. Entry fee is P3,500 for the main ladies event including a practice round. A senior category has also been added on Nov. 12-13 with entries to be charged P2,500. Interested parties may call Ms Blessing Lavarro at 0917-8919554 or Erik Salbaboro at 0919-5380204.

DiMarco rips record, leads by 2

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida—For a tournament that awards a Mickey Mouse trophy to the winner, a couple of scoring records show that the Disney World Golf Classic has turned into some serious business. Leading the way Friday was Chris DiMarco, who chipped in twice and blitzed the Palm course for a 9-under 63 that gave him the 36-hole scoring record, along with a two-stroke lead over Scott Hoch. DiMarco was at 17-under 127, breaking by one stroke the previous 36-hole record set by Steve Flesch in 2000 and Tim Simpson in 1990. Tiger Woods said he was only joking about needing to break par to make the cut. He was almost a prophet, although a 3-under 69 gave him plenty of breathing room. He was at 9-under 135 and eight strokes behind, his largest 36-hole deficit since he was 10 strokes behind at the Memorial in late May. *AP*

Els stays on course for 4th crown

WENTWORTH, England—Ernie Els stayed on course for a fourth World Match Play Championship title on Friday but defending champion Ian Woosnam crashed out of the tournament, losing 3 & 2 to New Zealand's Michael Campbell. Three-time winner and second seed Els, a Wentworth resident, fired a tournament record of 12-under-par 60 in wet morning conditions on his way to a crushing 6 & 5 victory over 1999 winner Colin Montgomerie. Montgomerie reeled off 12 birdies of his own but was no match on the day for the inspired South African, the Scot eventually conceding defeat after pulling his second shot into trees on the par-four 31st. *Reuters*

LGBA derby bets submission today

SUBMISSION of entries to the Luzon Gamecock Breeders Association (LGBA) 1st Stag Series 2002 6-Stag Derby is today (Oct. 20), from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Mandaluyong Coliseum. The event unfolds tomorrow featuring the 2-stag elimination round, while the 4-stag finals is on Wednesday. According to LGBA president Rene "Boy" Diaz, the LGBA stag series is the biggest gathering of prominent breeders in Luzon. Presently, there are 84 stable members of the group. Mike Buendia of Batangas (Buenas Dias entry) was last year's winner of the prestigious LGBA Breeders of the Year. The derby sponsors are like Pit Fighter and Red Gel Forte of Lakoue Drug, Thunderbird Enertone, Excellence Gamefowl Specialist, Amtyl 500 and Derby Ace of San Miguel Feeds Inc. For inquiries, please contact 531-4003, 531-4005, 534-4110 and 535-2341 or 635-4799 (Mr. Rene Diaz). LGBA secretariat can be reached at 911-8969 and 687-2449.

Anand battles Uzbek in finals

RAMOJI FILM CITY, India—Grandmaster Rustam Kasimdzhanov of Uzbekistan sailed into the finals of the World Chess Cup with an emphatic victory over Alexander Belyavski of Slovenia Friday. In the other semifinal, defending champion Viswanathan Anand of India defeated Alexey Dreev of Russia in the tiebreaker to meet Kasimdzhanov in the finals. In the women's semifinals, European champion Antoaneta Stefanova of Bulgaria advanced by scoring her second successive victory over Svetlana Matveeva of Russia, while reigning champion Xu Yuhua of China ousted Koneru Humpy of India. *AP*

'Fistorama' bouts on RPN 9

SAN Miguel Beer's "Fistorama" today features featherweights Romualso Mahinay from Samar and Ricarte Canela from Negros Occidental in six-rounds and a lightflyweight bout in six rounds between Glen Donaire from Gen. Santos and Robert Tolibas from Surigao. The popular weekly boxing show is produced by Joe Cantada sports and hosted by Ed Picson and Quinito Henson. Fistorama, now on its second season, is aired every Sunday noon on RPN 9. It is presented by San Miguel Beer.

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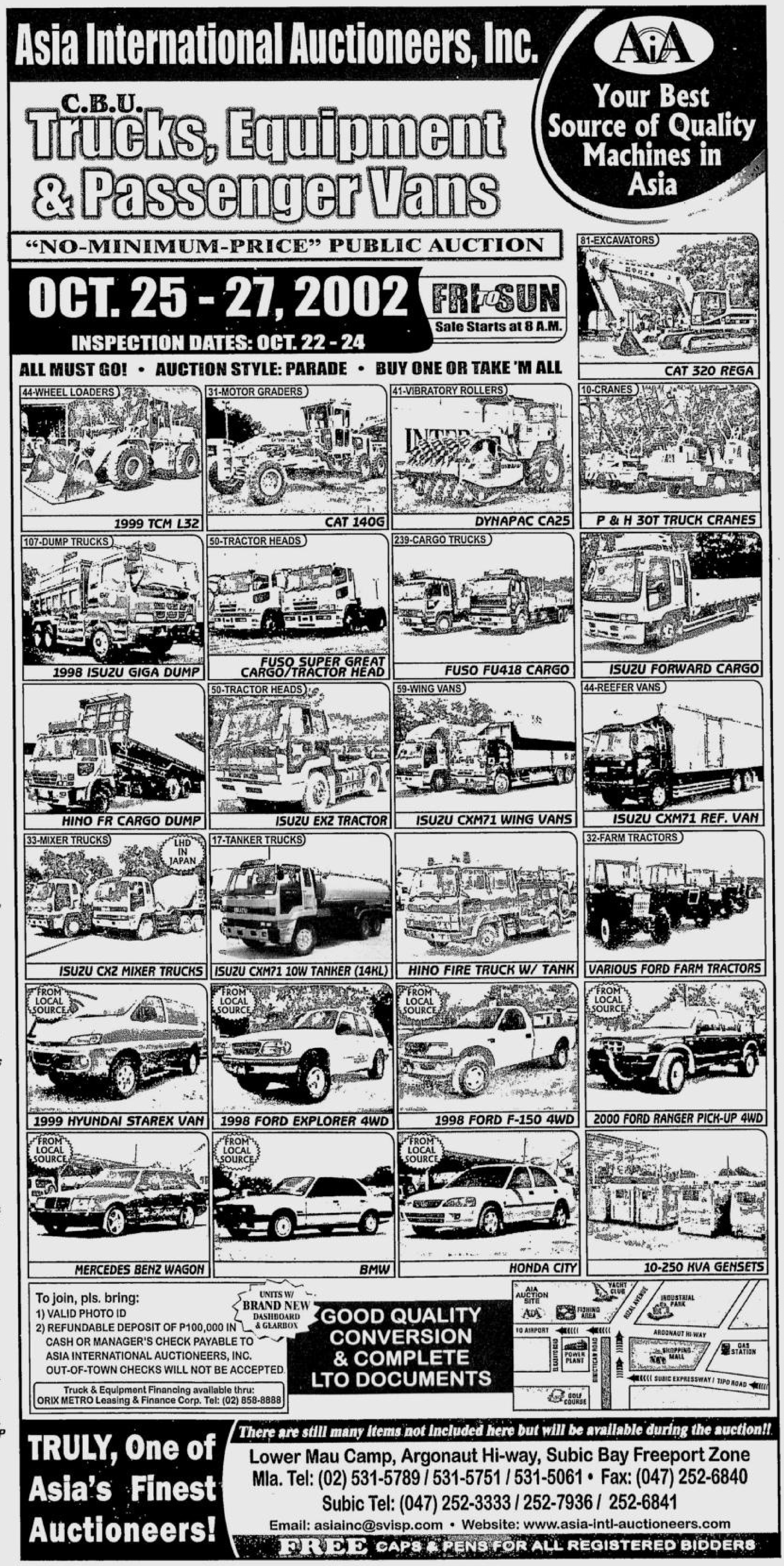
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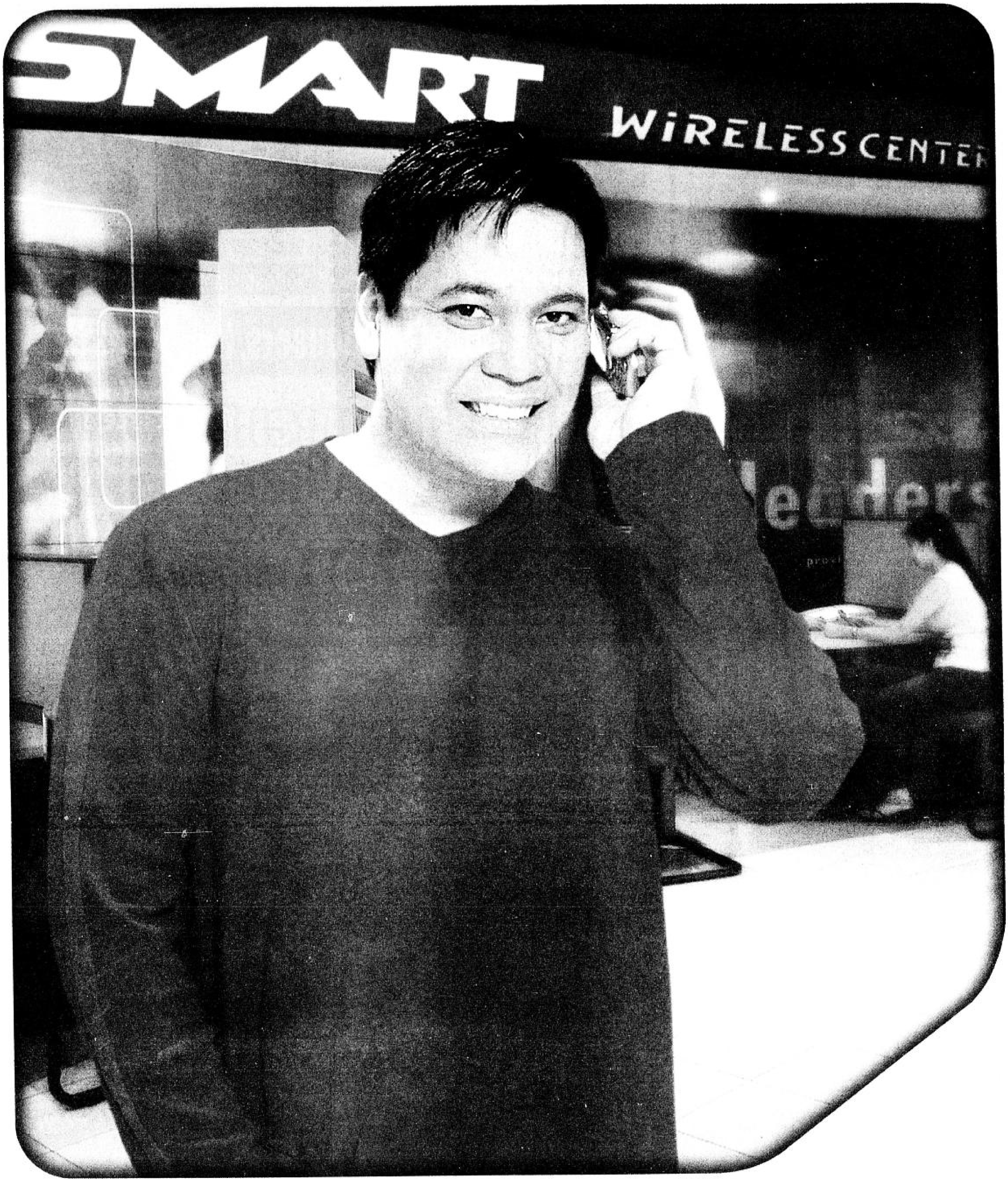

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METRO

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. . .AND HOPE
More than two months before Christmas, symbols of the holiday are sprouting all over the city, including the Quezon Circle in Quezon City.
JOAN BONDOC

MMDA: Search bags of bus passengers

By Leila B. Salaverria

ALL BUS passengers must now open their bags and luggage for inspection if they hope to get to their destinations safely, the Metro Manila Development Authority announced yesterday.

"Bus passengers should have their bags inspected, it's for their safety," MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando said.

The MMDA yesterday forged an agreement with the Philippine National Police and bus operators to ensure the safety of passengers.

Fernando said the bags will be inspected not only at bus terminals but at bus stops as well.

He said there will be random checks at bus stops, adding that it is the prerogative of the bus owner or driver to decide whether or not to inspect a passenger's bag.

If the passenger refuses inspection, then the bus driver has the right not to allow the passenger on board the bus.

"It's the right of the bus owners to inspect bags and refuse entry if they want to," the MMDA chair said. "It's the owners' duty to ensure the safety of their buses and the passengers."

Police officers, traffic enforcers, bus drivers and conductors can inspect all bags, packages, and pieces of luggage, Fernando said.

The agreement was reached in a meeting at the MMDA office Friday afternoon, a few hours before an explosion tore through a passenger bus bound for Balintawak in Quezon City.

The blast left three passengers dead and 22 others wounded.

'Tanod' allowed to carry firearms

By Donna Pazzibugan and Leila Salaverria

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday approved the plan of Metro Manila mayors to arm barangay watchmen as part of the massive effort to secure the metropolis from terrorist attacks.

The President also placed the burden of security on the shoulders of the 17 Metro Manila mayors because she believes that the local executives are in the best position to assess the situation in their areas and come up with appropriate contingency plans, according to Press Undersecretary Roberto Capco.

But Capco was quick to point out that the declaration of a state of emergency is "very, very far" from the President's mind. In a news briefing, Capco said barangay *tanod* or watchmen in "high-impact" areas—those identified as likely terrorist targets—will be allowed to carry firearms when they make their rounds.

The President yesterday called the mayors to Malacañang for a meeting with the Cabinet oversight committee on internal security.

The Department of Interior and Local Government also

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'Xprs Police Txt'

By Tina Santos

THE NORTHERN Police District has launched a crime-fighting project using text messaging.

Through the project, called "Xprs Police Txt," today's generation text, besides exchanging jokes and engaging in small talk, can now help save lives and property by sending police information about crimes.

Senior Supt. Marcelino Franco, the NPD director, said the project is intended to make crime reporting as simple and easy as playing with the keys of a cellular phone.'

"The program's main objective is to monitor crime situations that would be of great help in preserving public safety," Franco said.

He admitted that the project was inspired by the different contests devised by the television and radio networks to encourage viewers and listeners to participate in promotional campaigns.

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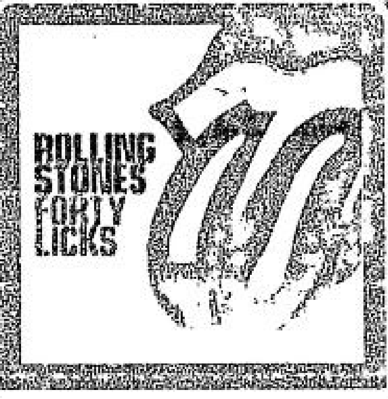

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Forbes Park honors residents who do 'dirty work' well

By Leila B. Salaverria

THEY COULD be the richest experts in garbage management—residents of tony Forbes Park who have been hailed for their expertise in waste recycling and composting.

The Forbes Park barangay council recently handed out almost 200 citations to households who have performed well in carrying out the barangay's Zero Waste Management project.

The awardees include the households of Indonesian Ambassador Hadi A. Wayarabi, Spanish Ambassador Tomas Rodriguez-Pantoja, broadcaster Che-Che Lazaro and Barangay Forbes Park Chair Jose Concepcion, Jr.

The project, carried out in accordance with Republic Act No. 9003 or the Solid Waste Management Act, encourages households to segregate their trash and recycle or compost it in order to have as little waste as possible.

The household helpers were honored, too, for their contribution to the success of the program and for their role in doing the "dirty work" by ensuring the segregation of garbage and composting.

"We observe that gardeners, cooks and other household workers have been diligently carrying out the program for over a year now," said Victoria Concepcion, the barangay chair's wife and an active follower of the Solid Waste Management Act.

She added that it was the household help who faithfully attended the barangay lectures on recycling, segregation and composting.

Homeowners and household staff together attended the recent awarding ceremonies in the barangay pavilion.

The awardees were given plaques to post on their gates in order to identify their residences as zero waste homes.

In a subdivision where each household employs an average of three to five service people, the maids, drivers, cooks and gardeners actually outnumber the residents, Barangay Chair Concepcion said.

Concepcion said during the awarding ceremonies that the success of the Zero Waste program is a triumph of the barangay's efforts to get residents to cooperate and work together to improve the community.

'We won't recognize league election winners'

By Jerome Aning

MANILA Mayor Lito Atienza said his administration and his allies in the city council will never recognize the winner in tomorrow's election of barangay league officers.

"That election will be an exercise in futility because neither the (city's) executive or legislative branches will recognize them," he told reporters in a news conference on Friday.

"Nobody will deal with them so they're just wasting their time."

Atienza said Interior Secretary Jose Lina gave the assurance that he will not intervene in the controversy involving city councilors and barangay chiefs in Manila.

Outgoing barangay league chief Natalio Beltran III, the initiator of tomorrow's exercise, said his move has the backing of five Manila congressmen, Vice Mayor Danilo Lacuna, opposition councilors and the interior department's Manila director.

The city council, which is dominated by the mayor's allies, has voted to admit as sectoral councilor Carlos Castaneda..

Castaneda won the league polls held on Sept. 15, under the new rules of the city council.

Beltran said the new rules are illegal because the league president was not elected at large, as provided for in the Local Government Code.

Atienza's camp claimed that more than 95 percent of the city's 897 barangay chiefs participated in the Sept 15 election.

The opposite camp, meanwhile, said more than 50 percent of the chairpersons attended a Sept. 27 assembly held in preparation for tomorrow's polls.

Beltran said he expects 700 chairpersons to attend tomorrow.

He said Monday's exercise is the "real one" because it will be held "in compliance and conformity" with the Local Government Code.

"They'd be lucky if 100 (chairpersons) appear," Atienza told reporters.

The mayor also accused Manila opposition officials of politicking and electioneering when they came out in support of the renegades.

Caloocan goes after delinquent taxpayers

By Tina Santos

THE CALOOCAN City government is set to auction off pieces of real property of delinquent taxpayers who failed to pay about P700 million in overdue taxes despite repeated demands.

In a statement, Mayor Rey Malonzo said that among the pieces of property to be auctioned off are Philippine National Railway (PNR) lots with tax arrears of P166,263,030, pieces of land registered in the name of businessman Gregorio Araneta III's Carmel Development Inc. (CDI) which owes the city government P29,649,839, and Sta. Lucia Realty properties with back taxes of P7,404,628.

Malonzo said the city government is also set to sell four lots said to be owned by former mayor Macario "Boy" Asistio Jr. located in Sangandaan, Camarin, Bagbaguin and Kaybiga in the city. The same statement said Asistio owes the city government P440,452 in back realty taxes.

However, sympathizers of Asistio said the city hall's move was simply another act of political gimmickry by the Malonzo camp. The former mayor has come out to expose the incumbent mayor's alleged participation in the anomalous multimillion-peso Gotesco land deal.

The Senate blue ribbon committee had said evidence indicated the sale was anomalous.

But City Hall insiders said the auction was a normal procedure being undertaken to recover financial losses because of the failure of realty property owners to settle their tax obligations despite several notices and demand letters.

The auction is sent on Oct. 22 at the Bulwagang Katipunan inside the City Hall. Public information officer Susan de Leon said the city treasurer's office had sent demand letters to the registered property owners informing them of their tax obligations.

'Ban kids from arcades'

A MANILA councilor wants students 17 years old and below banned from Internet or video game arcades during late hours.

In a proposed ordinance, Councilor Juan Miguel Cuna observed that most gaming establishments operate beyond midnight and that many of its patrons are students who are minors.

The fifth district councilor wants minor-aged students to be banned from such establishments after 10 p.m. from Sunday to Thursday and after midnight Friday and Saturday.

He also suggested that owners and operators of the game arcades be forbidden from admitting schoolchildren during school hours, or between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

An establishment that violates the ordinance would be fined P1,000 and its business permit suspended for a month, or both.

A second violation would mean a fine of P3,000, suspension for three months, or both. A third offense would mean a P5,000 fine and cancellation of the business permit.

Cuna wants barangay and city authorities to enforce the future law.

The city council passed the bill on first reading last Tuesday. It is being studied by the committees on laws and on amusement, games and entertainment.

Jerome Aning

4-year-old boy missing

RIZARDY Pangilinan, 4, was reported missing last week.

He was last seen in a white Pokemon sando and fatigue shorts.

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Any information on his whereabouts may be relayed to Milagros Pangilinan at 897-8793 and 896-7347.

DENTAL MISSION
Las Piñas Rep. Cynthia Villar recently gave away free dental kits and provided dental treatment to young residents of the city. The dental mission is part of her "Ngiting Maganda" project.

ON THIS SITE, the Arroceros Forest Park, will rise the Manila office of the Department of Education, if the mayor will have his way.

PDI PHOTO

Manila bent on putting up building in Arroceros park

By Jerome Aning

THE MANILA city government is determined to recover the Arroceros Forest Park and put up a building in it to house the Department of Education's local office.

Mayor Lito Atienza said City Hall is seeking a consultancy firm to draw up plans for the development of the area, as well as the architectural design for the DepEd-Manila building.

Atienza said the office of the city's school divisions superintendent and other agencies serving public school teachers and employees will also be moved to the future building from their cramped offices on the fourth floor of city hall.

The mayor was supposed to present his plans for the DepEd-Manila building yesterday morning in a "barbecue party" for the department heads of the city government at the forest park's "seedling nursery" section.

But the presentation fell through when the mayor was called to Malacañang for a meeting with the President.

Winner Foundation, the non-government organization that is running the park, resented the idea of a barbecue party in the park and opposed any construction on the site.

Tina Testa of the Winner Foundation complained that members of the city's tourism office, which was supposed to oversee the party, tried to force their way into the park.

She said the party organizers did not even bother to seek permission from foundation president Regina Roces-Paterno to set up tents and put up lightings.

Winner also summoned a team from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to monitor members of the preparations staff when they started trimming some of the trees in the park.

Atienza maintained that the park belongs to the teachers, since the DepEd-Manila budget was used to buy it.

But in the early 1990s, Atienza's predecessor Alfredo Lim turned over the property to Winner, which then developed the park.

The foundation planted more trees in the forest park to counter the effects of air pollution in the city.

The mayor said the contract which Winner holds for the park has not been approved by the city council and hence is not binding.

Environmentalists oppose any form of construction within the park, fearful that the trees will be cut down and their growth stunted because of the building.

'Xprs Police Txt'

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However, Franco warned that anybody caught sending offensive text messages to the "Xprs Police Txt" numbers would be punished.

The NPD director pointed out that the National Telecommunication Commission (NTC) is fully equipped to trace the source of offensive text messages.

Seminar

THE GOLDEN Goodlife Co. Inc., a Christian company, announced a series of seminars on entrepreneurship from Oct. 21 to 26, 4-6 p.m., in Unit 1901, 19th Floor, Jollibee Plaza, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

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For details, 636-7442, 636-7443, or Ricky Manzano at 0919-346-9627.

'Tanod' allowed to carry firearms

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came up with a 10-point anti-terrorism plan that calls for the mobilization of barangay watchmen and assign them to secure their barangays.

Capco said the watchmen will get the proper training from the police before they are issued firearms.

In her Memorandum No. 77 dated Oct. 1, the President transferred police control and supervision in Metro Manila to the mayors.

Capco said this would enable the mayors to effectively address terrorist threats and attacks in their towns and cities.

"The mayors know their situation better than anyone in the national agencies," Capco went on. "They're in the best position to judge, to manage this kind of things. That's why we're even asking them to provide intelligence to the police and military."

Capco said the President also ordered all the governors and mayors throughout the country to immediately convene their peace and order councils and come up with the appropriate measures to address the terrorist threat.

In the same briefing, Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando said the mayors "have assured the President that they are prepared to handle these contingencies."

During the meeting, national police chief Hermogenes Ebdane Jr. said they would activate "Oplan Kapkap" and the police marshal system in Metro Manila.

Under Oplan Kapkap, the police will randomly search and inspect buses and jeepneys as well as increase uniformed presence in malls and other public places.

Under the police marshal system, uniformed policemen will board buses and jeepneys at random to check on passengers.

To aid the Metro Manila mayors, the PNP plans to temporarily deploy some 1,700 police trainees. The PNP will also provide additional police cars and motorcycles to certain Metro Manila towns and cities.

"Our intention here is to increase police visibility," Capco said. "We want the public to see that the police force is doing its job of protecting the people."

He said there is no plan to deploy the Marines. He said the police forces, withe the help of barangay watchmen and private security guards, are sufficient to secure Metro Manila.

In Pasay City, Mayor Peewee Trinidad said he and the other mayors will soon be "consolidating (the) anti-terrorism and general safety plans for our cities' security."

But he declined to give specific details of the plan.

Trinidad, who is also Metro Manila Mayors League spokesperson, said the Pasay City government has been on heightened alert since the blasts that rocked Bali, Indonesia.

In Makati City, Mayor Jejomar Binay also beefed up security measures, putting the K-9 team on 24-hour duty and deploying more police officers in commercial areas.

He said the city will also acquire the most sophisticated detection equipment to enhance security.

Binay has scheduled a command conference with the police chief, police operatives and barangay *tanod* to discuss the safety of the country's foremost financial district.

In Las Piñas City Mayor Vergel "Nene" Aguilar directed city police chief Supt. Armando Pineda to go on alert after Friday's bus bomb attack in Balintawak, Quezon City.

Aguilar said that although Las Piñas is a peaceful city, he cannot compromise the safety and security of residents in the face of terrorist threats.

He also directed Pineda to deploy more policemen in malls, markets, schools, churches, tricycle and jeepney terminals and other public places.

"It is better to be ready than to be caught flatfooted or sorry since there is a real threat right before our eyes," he said.

City police chief Pineda said a 24-hour watch in the city's 20 barangays has been in place, with nine motorcycle policemen and 12 patrol cars on hand.

The DILG's 10-point plan involves:

- activating anti-terrorism task forces in all peace and order councils;
- regularly reporting to authorities unusual and suspicious movements of citizens in their areas;
- convening barangay assemblies to educate the public on how to cope with terrorist threats;
- mobilizing barangay watchmen to go on daily regular rounds;
- intensifying police and military intelligence work;
- speeding up the investigation, arrest and prosecution of suspects in the recent bombing attacks;
- updating police security plans for public places such as malls, markets, schools, parks and plazas, moviehouses, amusement places, bus and jeepney terminals, parking lots, factories and public buildings;
- calling on citizens to immediately report suspicious persons and pieces of baggage to the police;
- calling on owners of establishments to be more strict in their security measures; and,
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CIRCLE OF TALENT: Lea, rehearsing with other members of the entirely pan-Asian cast of "Flower Drum Song," says more Asians are getting hired for shows in the US "because they're incredibly talented."

RP treasure enjoys anonymity in US

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"When you hear that voice you are just totally lost in it."

The all-Asian cast featured in the new musical is a marked departure from the days of "Miss Saigon," which was criticized by the Asian-American community after a white actor, Jonathan Pryce, starred as the Eurasian Engineer in the show.

"More Asians seem to be getting hired for shows and not just because they happen to be Asian and somebody needs a token Asian, but because they're incredibly talented," Salonga says.

Over the years, Salonga says she has gradually learned to control her singing voice and minimize strain.

"It's deeper. I can't hit the high notes as easily but my lower notes are better," she says.

Full life

"Now I can sing with a lot of confidence. I know what I can do; I know what I can't do. It's not rocket science any more. And it's not as taxing emotionally because I'd lived a little more."

Her life outside the theater is certainly full these days. Besides an impending marriage, just consider the list of her errands before the curtain rises: The cat needs to be fed, bills have to be paid, dry cleaning must be dropped off and the VCR has to be set for prime time.

Do Broadway divas really drop off dry cleaning?

"You know, we can do with fewer divas," she says with a chuckle. "Be a diva on stage, but offstage just be normal. It's so needless to be arrogant. It takes too much energy."

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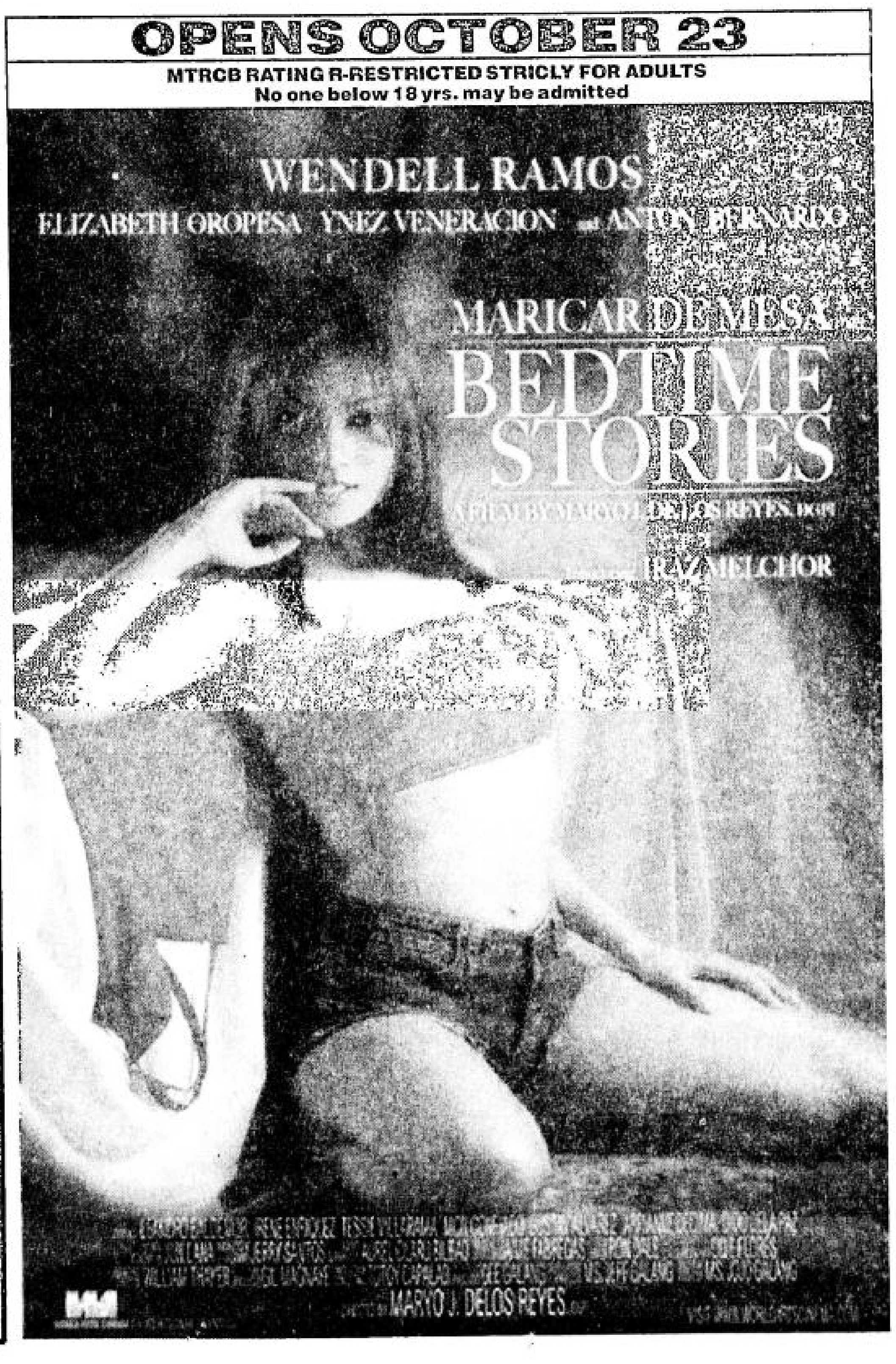

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'FLOWER DRUM SONG'

Where it all began

NEW YORK—Before there was Maxine Hong Kingston, Amy Tan or Gish Jen, there was C.Y. Lee and "The Flower Drum Song."

Long thought of only as a stage and screen musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lee's tale of cultural and generational conflict in San Francisco's Chinatown was a best seller in 1957 before falling out of print and into obscurity.

Now, with a new version of the show on Broadway, "The Flower Drum Song" has reappeared, brought back in a new Penguin paperback edition that could enhance its reputation as a precursor of things to come.

"It is the first real Chinese-American novel," says playwright David Henry Hwang, who has radically revised the musical's book for the current New York production. "This is where it all began."

"The Flower Drum Song" was born, according to Lee, in his little apartment above a Filipino nightclub on Kearny Street in San Francisco.

From the air

Lee lived there in the mid-1950s while writing a column for a Chinese-language newspaper, translating into Chinese what he calls "social stories" to entertain the paper's elderly readers. The dissension between older Chinese and their more Americanized offspring caught his attention.

"In Chinatown, I knew everything that was going on," he says. "Out of that I created characters, using everybody including my own family and my friends, plus a lot of invention from the air."

The novel's plot concerns Old Master Wang and the difficulties he has in dealing with his modern, more Americanized son, Wang Ta, a young man who has gotten involved with several, very different women.

The 1958 musical, which simplified the title to "Flower Drum Song," had a book by Joseph Fields and Oscar Hammerstein II and deviated quite a bit from the novel.

"They put a lot of jokes in the musical, but you had to turn it into something that would be entertaining to American audiences," Lee says in explaining changes that later on, many say, stereotyped Asian-Americans.

Lee, who will be 85 on Dec. 22, relaxes on a sofa in his daughter's East Village living room. He's a diminutive man, dressed nattily in a navy blue shirt and casual slacks.

'Read it'

It took Lee a year and a half to write the novel, and then his agent had trouble finding a publisher. After more than a dozen rejections, she said, "If it's turned down again, you might think of another profession."

"But then the novel landed at the sick bed of an 80-year-old gentleman, who was a reader for a highbrow publishing house," Lee says. "He was quite ill, but he read it. He didn't have the energy to write a two- or three-page critique. He wrote only two words —'Read this'— and died.

"Without those two words, the novel would have never been published," Lee says with a laugh.

Hwang had never read the novel until he started doing research on revising the story of the musical. Even then, he couldn't find it, finally tracking down a copy from a Seattle rare-book dealer who specializes in Asian writers.

"I thought, `Oh, it's such a shame this author and this book have been lost, particularly the bittersweet tone of the novel, which I would love to be able to capture in a new libretto,'" says Hwang, author of "M. Butterfly."

That the novel went out of print was surprising. It received positive reviews, particularly in The New York Times, which helped propel it onto its list of best sellers. And Broadway and Hollywood expressed interest.

Two were considered: A $50,000 offer from a movie producer and a $3,000 proposition from Fields, a veteran Broadway writer of such hits as "My Sister Eileen" and "Wonderful Town."

Drunken call

There was one big difference. The Hollywood producer would retain all rights; Fields would hold just the stage rights.

Lee couldn't make up his mind. He went downstairs to that Filipino nightclub, bought a couple of bottles of beer and got drunk. The next day, his agent telephoned and said, "Congratulations. You made the right choice." Lee couldn't remember making the call.

Fields first wanted to make "The Flower Drum Song" into a play and then, perhaps, a movie. Edward G. Robinson admired the novel and even wanted to portray the patriarch Master Wang.

But Fields had another idea. He mentioned the novel to his friends, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. Rodgers, in his autobiography, "Musical Stages," wrote that he and Hammerstein were charmed by the book. A deal was quickly made.

Lee attended rehearsals and even went to Boston for the show's out-of-town tryout. Hammerstein never looked at the stage, but instead would sit with his eyes closed, apparently listening for squeaky theater seats. If there were too many squeaks, he knew the audience was losing interest, according to Lee.

Complicated

After one particularly noisy performance, Hammerstein went home and wrote a new lyric. The next day, he gave it to Rodgers, who went into the ladies' room at the Shubert Theatre, where there was a piano, and, in 30 minutes, came back with a new melody. That night, "Don't Marry Me" went into the show and brought down the house.

Born in China, the youngest of 11 children, Lee came to the United States in 1943. He ended up at Columbia University, then Yale University, before heading west to start his writing career, first in Los Angeles and then San Francisco. "The Flower Drum Song" was his first book. There are 10 more.

"Past novels, especially those written by American writers, did deal in stereotypes," Lee says. "You got the impression that Chinese people walked with their hands in their sleeves, bowed all the time and were hatchet men."

Not so in Lee's novels, and, particularly, "The Flower Drum Song," even though it is more than 40 years old.

"C.Y.'s book is complicated in terms of texture about what it means to be an American — the things you gain and the things you lose — but it ultimately affirms the value of this social experience," Hwang says. "And that's what I wanted this new 'Flower Drum Song' to be able to do."

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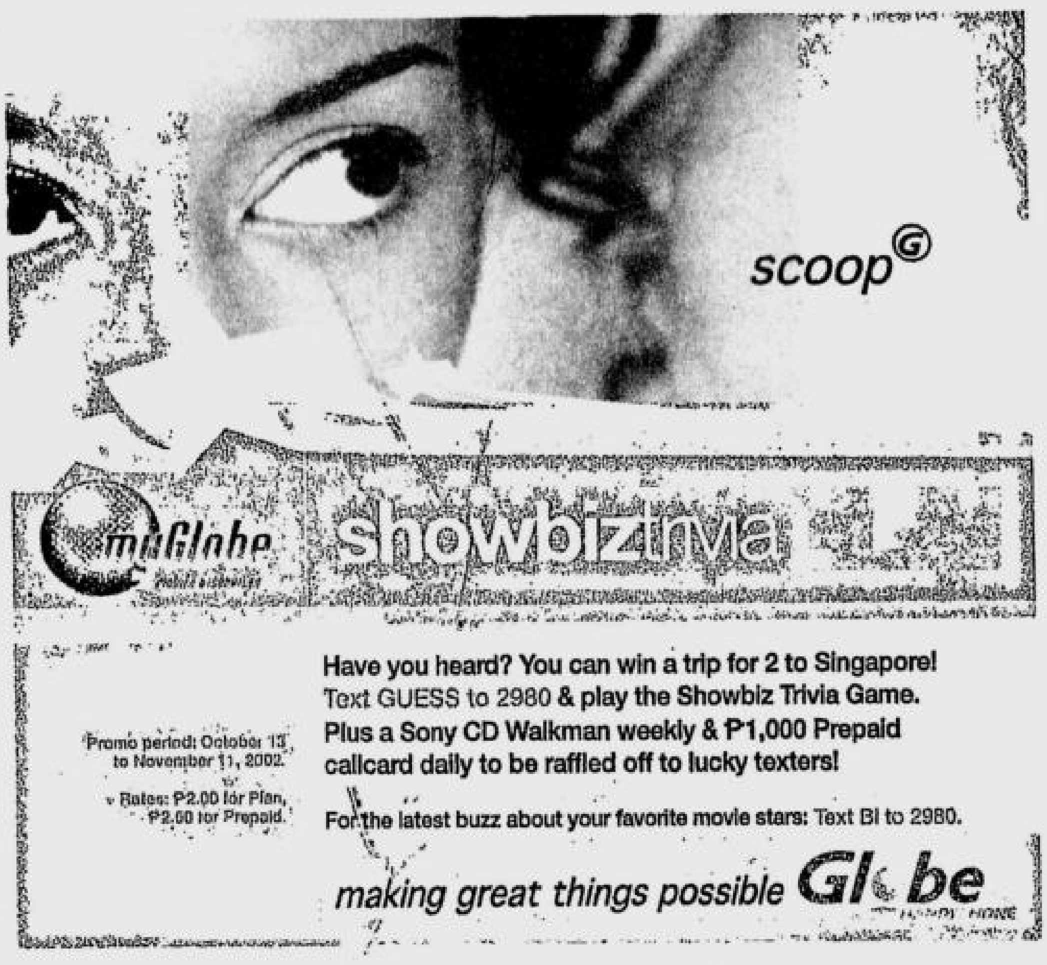
> It was born in a little apartment above a Pinoy club in San Francisco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Nestor U. Torre

A VERY popular show on the National Geographic Channel every Wednesday evening is "Dogs with Jobs." It clicks with viewers because it shows "man's best friend" as more than a pet.

Some dogs are in fact "man's helpmeet" as well, tackling all sorts of challenging tasks, from shipping out drugs or explosives in mountains of baggage at plane or train terminals, to giving hope and love to patients in hospitals.

The hardworking and unusually adaptable canines on the show have made viewers hold dogs in higher regard than before. But what about our own "ordinary" dogs at home, who can't even do simple tricks and can't bring in the newspaper without chomping it to bits? Are they hopeless?

Some scientists certainly don't think so. In fact, they believe that most canines can do much than we give them credit for. They'have been conducting experiments that support their contention, including studies that attempt to analyze and decipher the "meanings" in the pitch and tempo of dog's barks.

More: Dogs may know how to count! No, not just those tricky canines we see strutting their clever stuff on **John Leno** or **David Letterman's** TV shows, but most dogs.

The explanation for this? Dogs are descended from wolves, which have a large neocortex and live in large packs. They need to know how to count to figure out how many enemies or allies they have in their social group. They need to keep track of this to survive, so the skill is no trick, and is in fact essential to their wellbeing.

On the other hand, there's another show, aired at 3 p. m. on Sundays on the "Animal Planet," that showcases animals' less essential and more playful tricks and ties.

Titled "The Planet's Funniest Animals," it features such droll activities as swimming cats, a duck "skating" on ice, a dog with its doll, another pooch and a rat eating from the same bowl, yet another canine gamely pulling a sled full of children, dogs playing ball, a dog being "interviewed" about a missing raccoon—

As you can see, dogs end up stealing the show again even on this program about animals in general.

"The Planet's Funniest Animals" and "Dogs with Jobs" may not be all that different, after all. In the second show, however, the canines stop playing it for laughs, and take their talents very seriously indeed!

'Ms Earth 2002'

AT 9:30 p. m. today, the Ms Earth 2002 beauty pageant will be aired live on ABS-CBN. Aside from standards of pulchritude, the competition also gives importance to the contestants' knowledge about the environment, and their awareness of the need to protect it.

Thus, the Q&A portion is focused on world environmental concerns. Video clips will also show the 57 candidates from as many countries on an island-hopping tour of the Philippines' most beautiful destinations, including Palawan, Cebu, Taal and Bohol.

The Philippines will be represented by **April Ross Perez**. The Ms Earth 2002 telecast will also be viewed in the US, Canada, the Middle East, and Italy through ABS-CBN's The Filipino Channel cable network.

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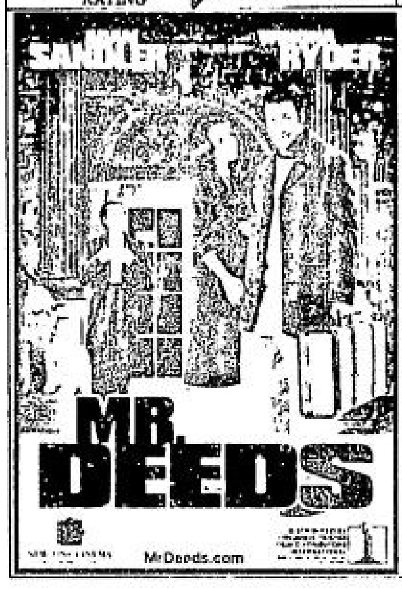

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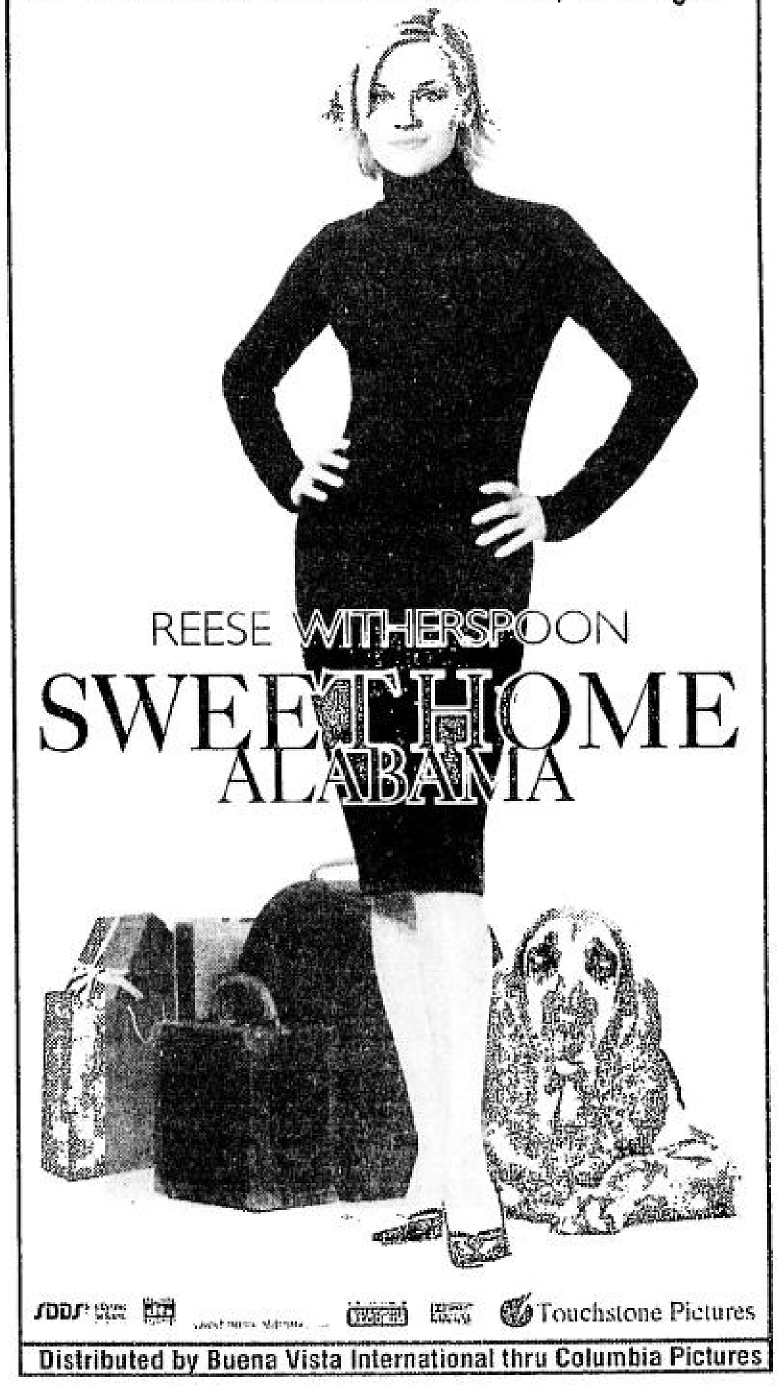

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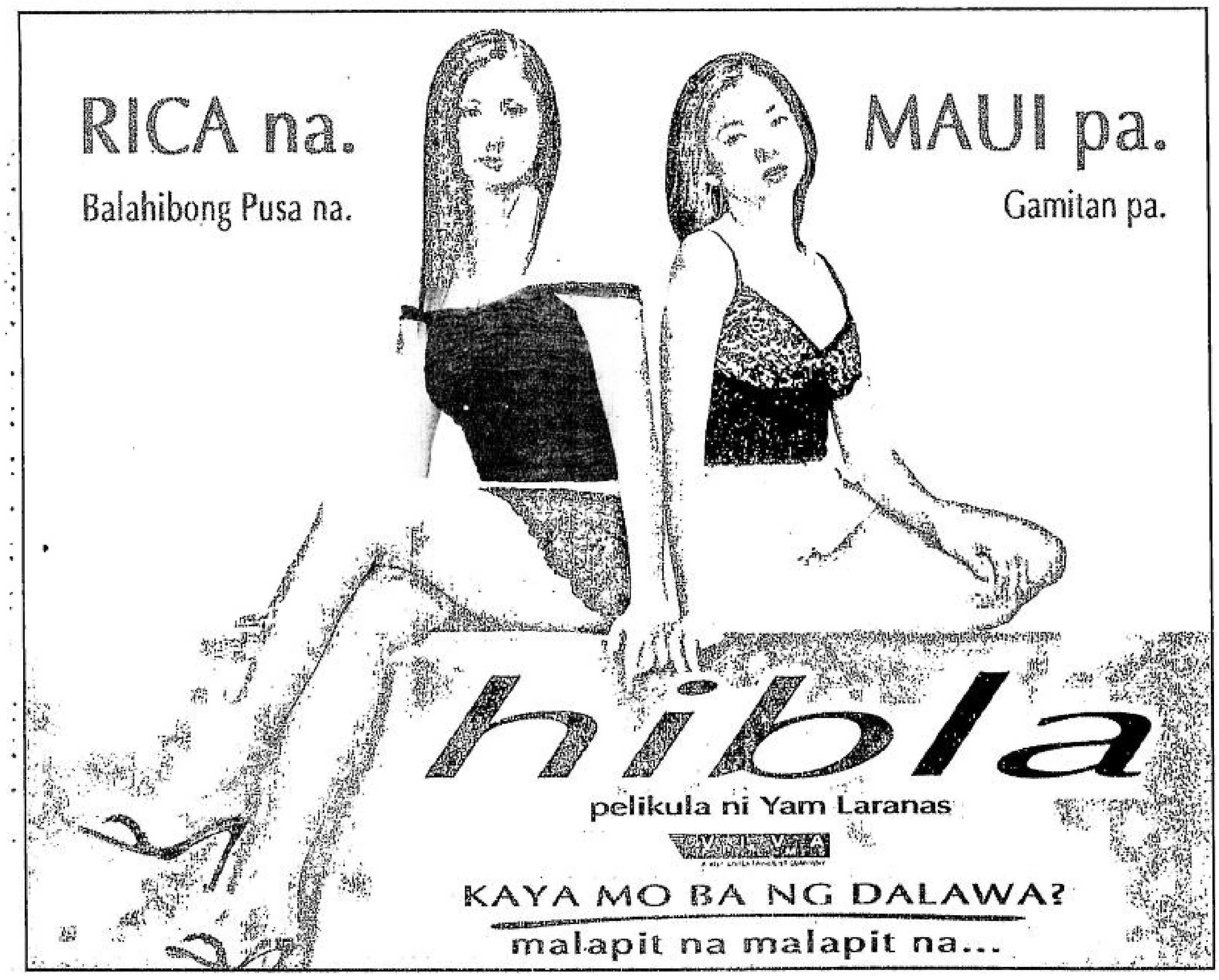
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'Eat Bulaga' staying with GMA Network

By Marinel R. Cruz

"EAT BULAGA," the country's longest-running daily variety show, last Friday renewed its contract with GMA Network, dispelling rumors that the show would soon be seen on another channel.

"Fans can expect two more years of fun and entertainment from the 'Eat Bulaga!' gang on Channel 7," said the show's executive producer Malou Choa-Fagar.

Television and Production Exponents, Inc. (Tape) president Tony Tuviera and M-Zet productions big boss Vic Sotto, producers of the noontime show, renewed their contracts with GMA 7 for two years and one year, respectively. The signing was held at the GMA Network Center on Timog Avenue in Quezon City.

"GMA 7 has been very supportive of 'Eat Bulaga!' for the past seven years," said Choa-Fagar. "The show was never treated differently even though it is produced by blocktimers."

Rumors said there had been negotiations between ABS-CBN and "Eat Bulaga!" blocktimers. The rumors were fanned when Sotto, one of the pioneer hosts of "Eat Bulaga," appeared on "Game KNB?" on ABS-CBN and hinted that televiewers would be seeing more of him on Channel 2.

"I honestly don't know about any negotiation with Channel 2," Choa-Fagar said.

ABS-CBN communications director Pat-P Daza said it is possible that "Vic was just open to other options in case negotiations between GMA and 'Eat Bulaga!' producers broke down."

She denied that ABS-CBN offered "Eat Bulaga!" to switch channels. "Why should we ask them (to switch channels) when we already have our own noontime show, 'Magandang Tanghali Bayan'," Daza told the INQUIRER.

Also present during the signing were "Eat Bulaga" hosts Joey de Leon, Ruby Rodriguez, Toni Rose Gayda, Jimmy Santos and Francis Magalona.

TWO YEARS MORE. GMA president Felipe Gozon and Tony Tuveira of Tape, Inc.

Oasis show called off

THE OCT. 23 live performance of the British rock band Oasis at the Araneta Coliseum in Cubao, Quezon City has been canceled due to security concerns expressed by the band's managers following the spate of terrorist attacks in Bali, Indonesia and the Philippines.

News on the decision to scrap the much-awaited rock concert was received by the local concert organizers late Thursday, one day after the bombing in Zamboanga City in Southern Mindanao which killed 6 people and wounded 143 others. The Oct. 12 blast in Bali resulted in the death of hundreds of foreign tourists.

The decision to call off the Oasis show was reached following an advisory from Ben Winchester, the band's agent, who consulted the performers, who are now in Australia, and their manager, who is in Los Angeles.

The advisory was relayed to the concert's major sponsors, Globe Handyphone's GenTXT, and to MYX, Sony Music and Pinoycentral and the Araneta Coliseum.

The show's local organizers assured Philippine fans of Oasis that they are exerting every effort to negotiate with the band's agent and management for a new show schedule.

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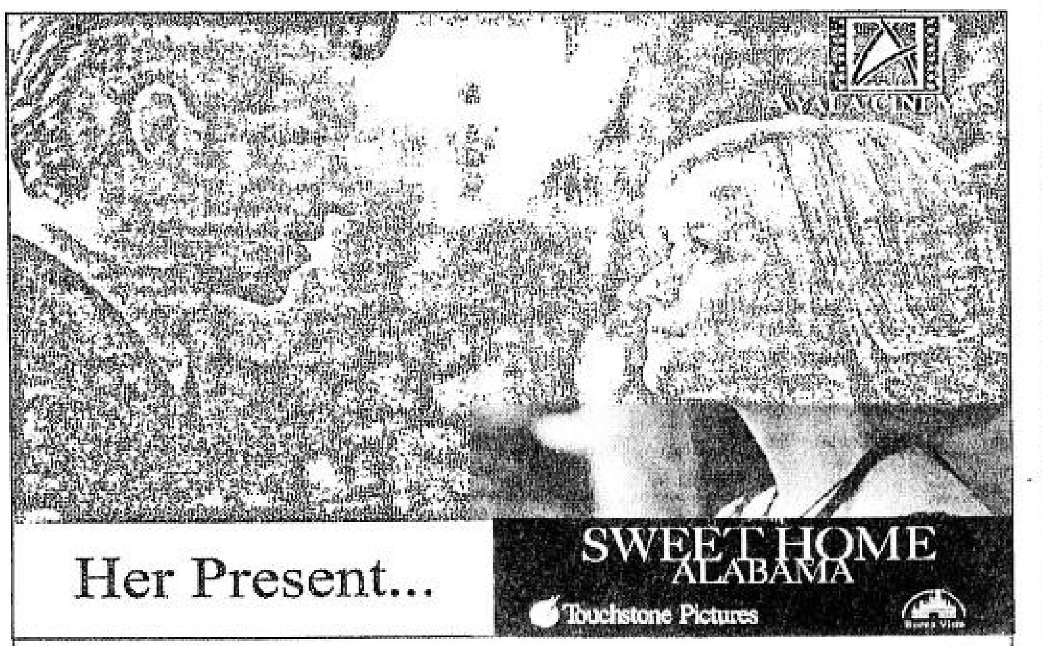

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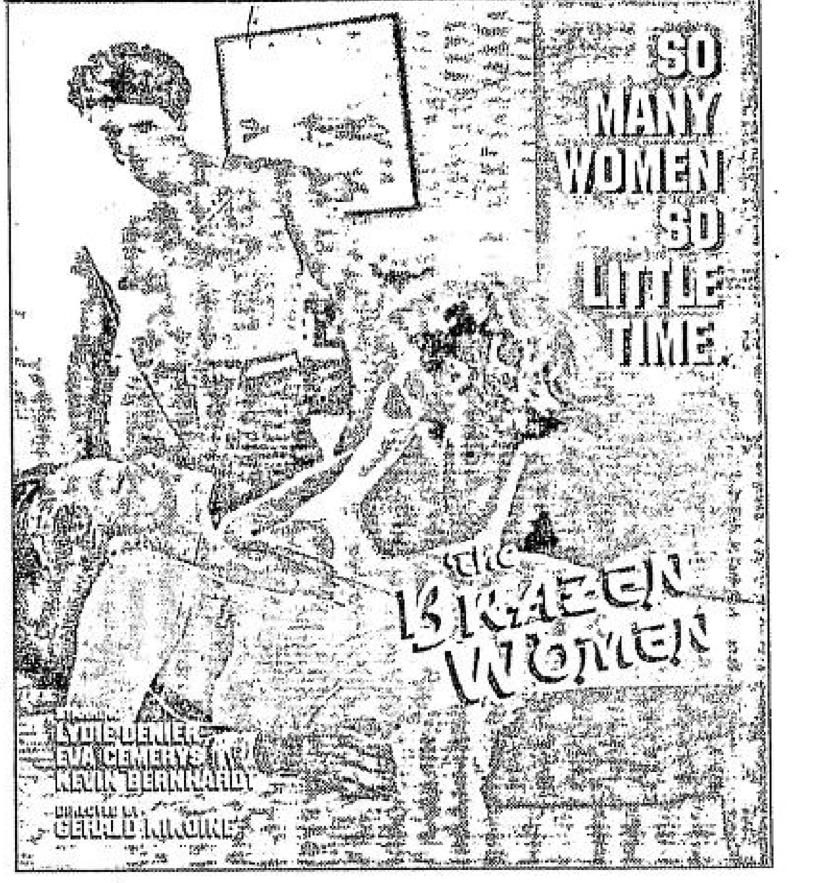

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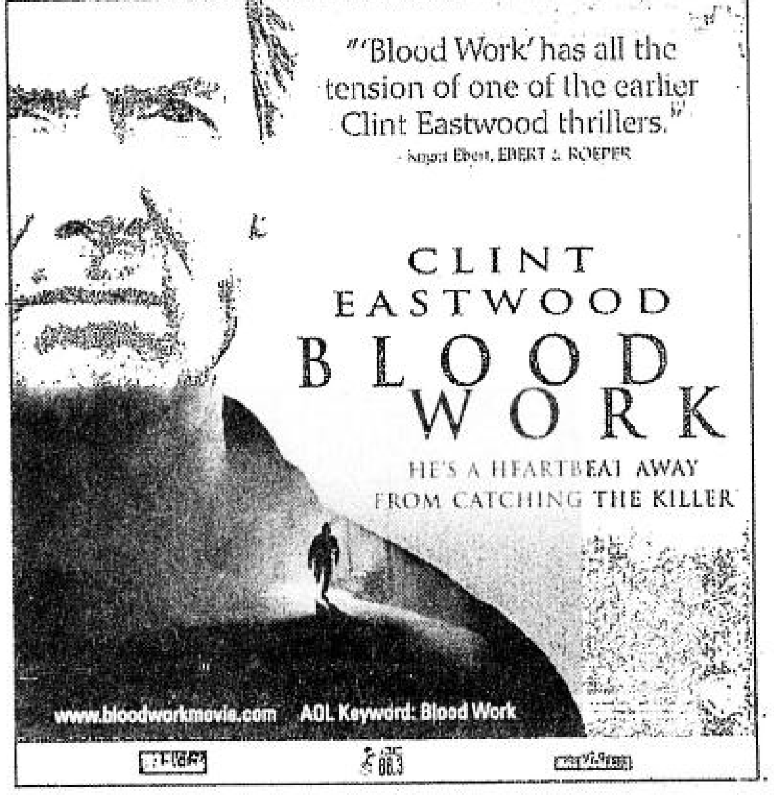
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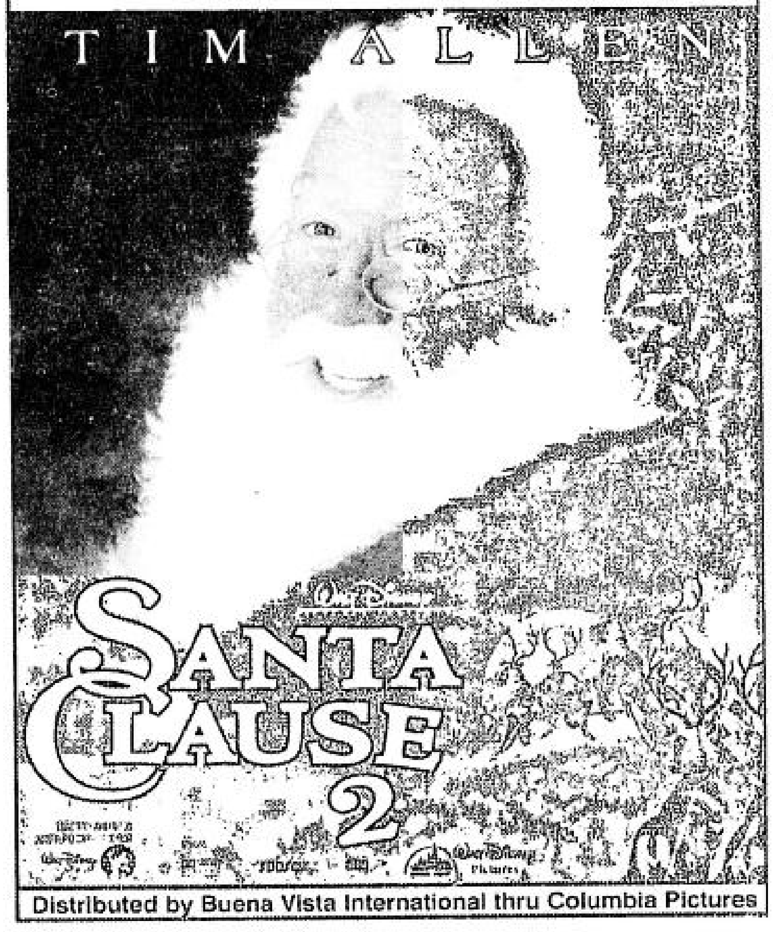

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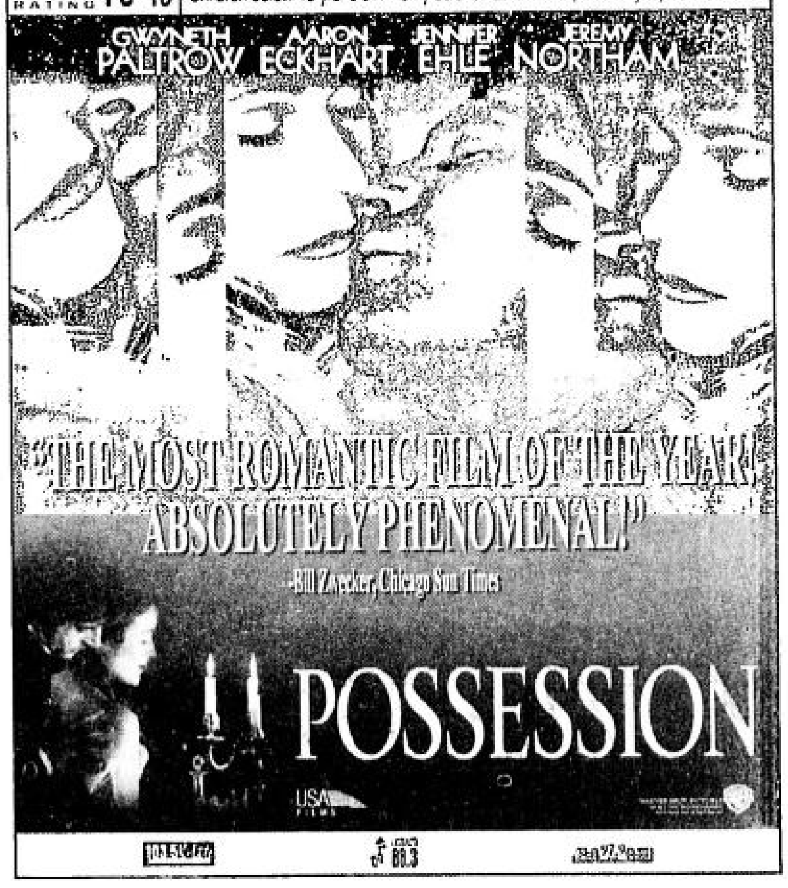
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RP treasure enjoys anonymity in US

NEW YORK—Her name might not be that well known in America. Her face is not always recognized either. Chances are, though, Lea Salonga's set of pipes will be familiar—if you're 7 or younger.

As she moves through Manhattan these days, adults barely notice the Philippine-born actress and singer who won a Tony Award over a decade ago for her work in "Miss Saigon."

Her ace in the hole, though, comes when she is introduced to children. A parent will tell the child that Salonga supplied the singing voice to Princess Jasmine in "Aladdin" or the spunky lead character in "Mulan."

The child will invariably look at her, confused.

"And then I tell them to close their eyes and I sing a song from the movie and they suddenly look at me like, 'Ahhh! Where did that come from?'" she says. "It's pretty magical."

MISS BROADWAY. Lea Salonga says she came to America with a strong sense of self and a lot of confidence.

Other than occasionally freaking out kids, Salonga says her anonymity in the United States is a welcome change. In the Philippines, she is considered a national treasure whose face is familiar to kids and adults alike.

Uncomfortable

"I enjoy my privacy," she says over dinner before a recent performance. "Back home, I can't go to a mall or the grocery store without getting chased or stared at, and that makes me feel very uncomfortable."

Salonga brings both her experiences here and in Asia to the Broadway revival of "Flower Drum Song," the 1958 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical that was once considered offensive to Asian Americans.

With a plot and dialogue completely revamped by David Henry Hwang, the musical now manages to salvage such songs riven with stereotypes like "I Enjoy Being a Girl" and "Chop Suey" from seeming hopelessly dated.

Salonga, 31, stars as a young immigrant who flees communist China for San Francisco in the 1960s, finding a tug between the promise of assimilation and the pull of identity.

The cast, which features Jose Llana and Sandra Allen, is entirely pan-Asian.

> 'You know, we can do with fewer divas. Be a diva on stage, but offstage just be normal. It's so needless to be arrogant. It takes too much energy.'

"In my head, it feels like I'm home," says Salonga. "Knowing that I'm in New York City and knowing that this is on Broadway and everyone is an Asian person, it's like, 'Wow! This is pretty darn cool.' It's rare that this happens."

Sense of self

The political incorrectness of the original musical—as well as the 1961 movie version—was lost on Salonga: "I don't remember feeling that because I saw it as an Asian in an Asian country so it didn't hit me that it was a threat," she says.

"Then I came here and saw how a lot of people my age have to struggle with racism and how they're looked at in a condescending way. I didn't grow up that way. I came into this country with a strong sense of self and a lot of confidence."

Salonga earned that confidence as a child, becoming the Shirley Temple of the Philippines with a voice both tender and strong. She made her professional debut in "The King and I" at age 7, was a best-selling recording artist and host of a TV variety show with her brother at 12.

"I always knew I could sing," she says. "But I didn't realize I had anything particularly special."

At 18, Salonga beat out hundreds to win the role of Kim in the London production of "Miss Saigon," a part she calls the biggest break in her life.

"Everything that came after that, came as a result of that," she says.

Engaging voice

When the production arrived in New York in 1990, Salonga won a Tony and two years later appeared in "Les Miserables" on Broadway. She also has starred in such shows as "Proof," "My Fair Lady" and "Into the Woods" in Asia.

"She has one of the most engaging voices of musical comedy I have ever heard," says "Flower Drum Song" producer Benjamin Mordecai.

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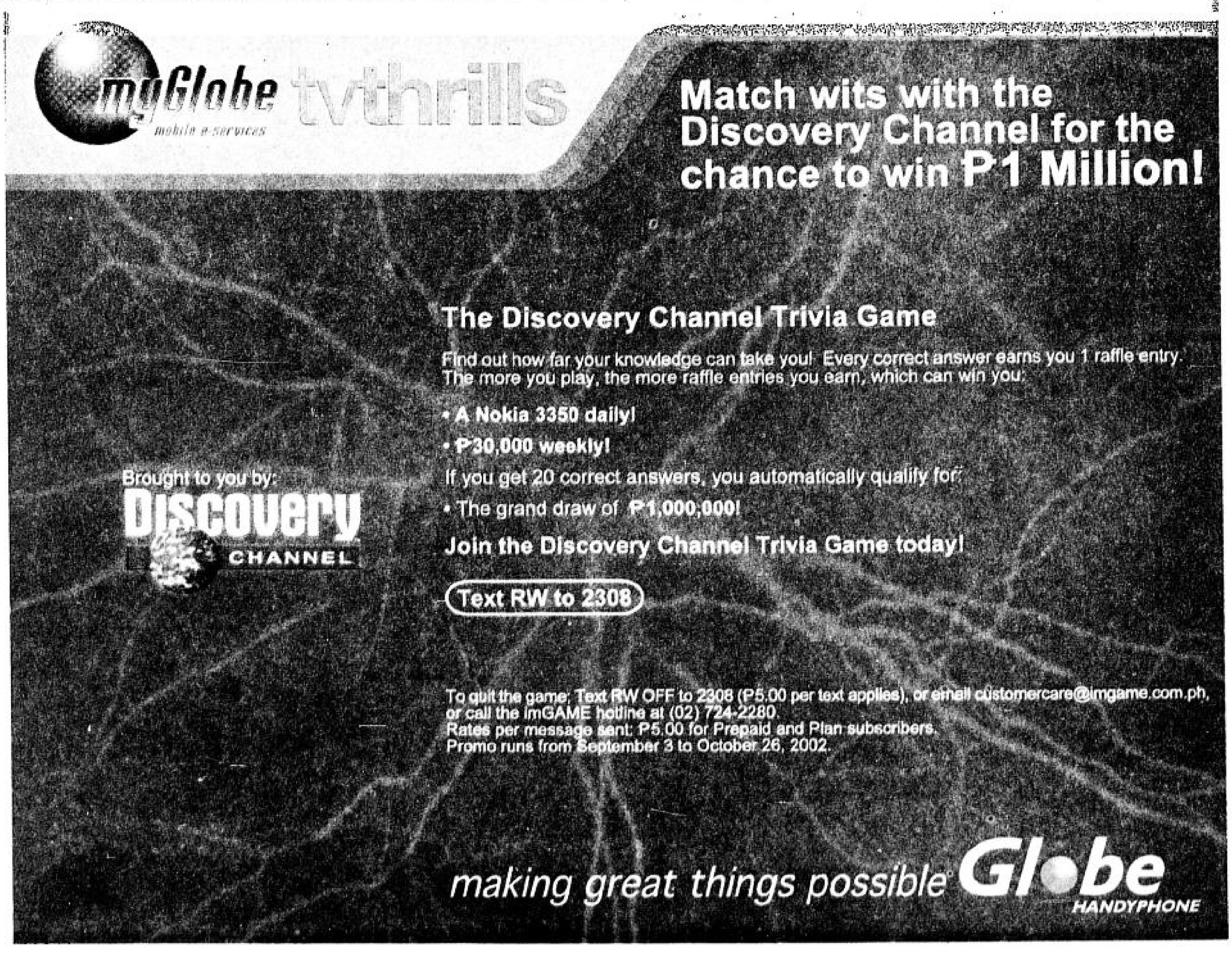

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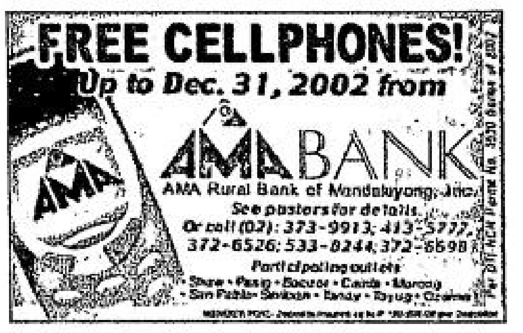
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RP banker among the best in the world

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE LATEST feather in Rafael Buenaventura's cap elicited no strong reactions.

And that, more than the recognition of Global Finance Magazine itself, was an even better compliment for the chief of the BSP.

The calm reception to the news indicated that local and foreign markets felt that Buenaventura's rating as a grade A central banker was much deserved and almost expected.

The New-York based magazine named Buenaventura as one of top four in the global arena of central banking, outclassing the likes of Federal Reserve's Alan Greenspan and Japan's Masaru Hayami.

All the governor could do for reaction was a text message saying thanks with a humble follow-up.

"*Mabuti naman na*-aapreciate from time to time," he texts using the medium he has grown comfortable with in dealing with numerous media queries that come his way every day.

Three years and two months since he took his oath in July 1999, he knew he no longer needed to impress people to prove his mettle.

He has this uncanny habit of counting to the day and, sometimes, even to the hour the length of time he has to stay as the BSP chief until July 2005.

Most, including the brat pack of reporters covering him daily, saw his transformation from the temperamental and usually humorless monetary official during the time of Estrada to a tormented central banker who drew grace and strength from the darkest days of his career.

A classmate of ousted President Estrada, Buenaventura was able to transcend the ugly experience of the early days of the Macapagal administration when politicians and opportunists called for his ouster to emerge as one of the best central bankers in the world.

Buenaventura was given a grade of A "for working hard to protect his country's economy from some pretty fierce shocks."

Global Finance cited Buenaventura alongside Australia's Ian Macfarlan, Sweden's Urban Backstrom, and United Kingdom's Sir Edward George.

As in the previous years, the valedictorians were chosen based on distinction in monetary policy, autonomy, transparency, commitment to subduing inflation, setting appropriate interest rates and effectiveness in foreign currency intervention.

Buenaventura's entry into the prestigious class A, the best of the central bankers, according to Global Finance analyst Dan Keeler, was unexpected.

After all, the Philippines is but a small market with too many problems.

Global Finance credited the Philippine central banker for his skills and guts, having shown a high degree of self-confidence and independence.

Buenaventura deftly manipulated interest rates and money supply to support the local currency and spur growth "in an extremely difficult market."

His formula, says Global Finance, was instrumental in the country's turnaround.

"An economy that appeared to be heading into recession last year turned in a respectable 3-percent GDP for 2001 and looks to exceed that this year. Inflation now sits at a comfortable 2.6 percent," says the New York-based financial magazine.

In January, The Banker magazine voted Buenaventura as Asia's central bank governor of the year, the first central monetary official to receive the award from the publication affiliated with the Financial Times.

In 1991, Asiamoney also cited him as "one of Asia's most outstanding bankers" when he was still president and chief executive officer of PCI Bank.

"Even the notoriously hard-to-please IMF had to admit the (Philippine) central bank was doing a great job and applauded the bank's carefully balanced monetary policy," says Global Finance.

Buenaventura's citation, says analyst Dan Keeler, came at a time when it was a terrible time to be a central banker.

As monetary officials in Argentina and Russia failed, other monetary officials like the valedictorians helped bring up the level of the entire class.

BUENAVENTURA gets high marks from international community.

Australia's Macfarlane was named for continuing his "extraordinary run and remarkable performance," the undaunted Backstrom of Sweden for strongly resisting pressure to raise inflation target and UK's George for simply doing a good job.

Greenspan who was once dubbed as the market's "Superman" seemed to have lost his magic touch as "a spate of interest rate cuts failed to inject new life into the struggling US economy."

"His words no longer move markets the way they used to," the magazine adds after giving him a grade of C.

For failing to fix Japan, Hayami received an even lower rating of D, the lowest grade received by the group of 31 central bankers worldwide.

Only lower perhaps were the ratings given to those from Argentina, Greece and New Zealand.

But despite Buenaventura's achievements, speculations as to whether he can keep his job until 2005 still pops up once in a while.

Lately, the rumor mill was busy churning talks about a comebacking finance minister whose bid for a Monetary Board position was thwarted and has set his sights on replacing the guy he never really got along with.

With Buenaventura's improved disposition, he is believed to be taking all these in stride.

If he was able to convince a doubtful market almost two years ago to set aside his association with Estrada and instead focus on his ability to turn the country's financial markets around, his recent successes only gave him a formidable base of support for ongoing and future challenges.

And if he could relax while the peso is acting up and dropping to the P53 level, many doubt whether he would lose sleep over talks of another ouster.

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Touching the donor's heart with a vision

Fundraiser's Guide to Fund Raising
By Mayan G. Quebral
Venture for Fund Raising, 2002

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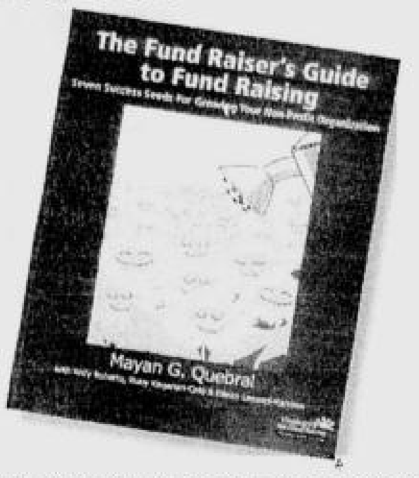
The Fund Raiser's Guide to Fund Raising
Seven Success Seeds for Growing Your Non-Profit Organization
Mayan G. Quebral

HAVE you received news from the mail lately that Unicef cards are being readied for the Christmas Season and asking you to firm up your orders now?

You open a bulky envelope one morning, and you find a handcrafted card from children of Tuloy sa Don Bosco. You recall that Tuloy is a highly successful center for streetchildren.

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EXECUTIVE READ

If you still have those cards or tickets—outdated they may be—hold on to them, as we tell you about fundraising—and about this book that has expressed the "soul" behind philanthropy.

Question: Is philanthropy alive and well in this country of 7,600 islands, mired in poverty, shaken by pockets of violence and marked by a lackluster economy?

Aren't donor funds being re-channeled to new independent states freed from the Soviet monolith, to Latin America and to most of Africa.

Earlier on, non-profit organizations—global, regional or national—knew what this meant: They must now rely more and more on local philanthropy.

Is the future for non-profits, starved for funds, bleak? Or is there a sunny side to this seeming darkness?

The book, "The Fundraiser's Guide to Fund Raising," is just the shaft of sunlight non-profits need—not only to brighten hope once again, but to light their way to labyrinthine ways leading to the donor's heart.

Don't expect just a quick reading of a "nuts-and-bolts" manual on fundraising in this book. While it has tips in abundance in every chapter, you may miss the soul of such a worthy human enterprise. Striking just the right note for the book, author Mayan Quebral speaks in the imperative: "Realize that fundraising is NOT about money."

She adds: "Fundraising is about a human need that has to be met. It is about the ability of your organization to make a contribution to the alleviation of that need." She is actually saying that, if you are just interested in money, this book is not for you. She wants to address those non-profit organizations which have latched on their efforts to higher goals "money cannot buy."

She volunteers "seven success seeds for growing your non-profit organization"—beginning with the very first seed: "Believe." She says: "Believing establishes the credibility of your cause ... Now tell us, would you buy insurance from a salesman who is not insured, a Ford car dealer who drives a Honda, or a lung cancer foundation fundraiser who smokes?" Touche, Mayan!

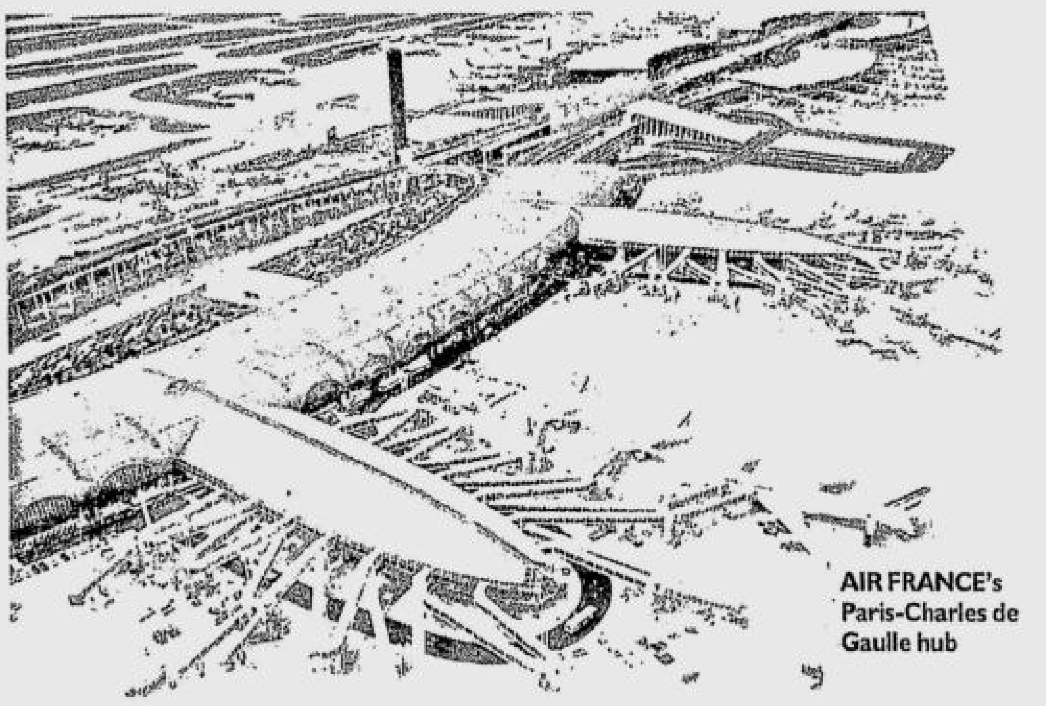
The next six "success seeds" guide the reader through concepts, principles, success stories, tables and, yes, generous quotes from the Scriptures and renowned thinkers. Heartwarming stories abound in this book which gives you the feeling you are in the midst of a seminar listening to every motivation speaker whose "cup runneth over" narrating one successful campaign after the other.

Is this book comprehensive? Reading from first page to the last, one gets the impression that the author and contributors did not hold back any "trade secrets." Isn't this self-defeating? If they have given their all, no one would approach them anymore. Their desire to share a "good thing" seems to be greater than the anxiety over outliving their usefulness. They are what they stand for: generous. Look, at the end every chapter is a treasure trove of website addresses for current and would-be fundraisers.

A parallel thought builds up while one moves on to more complex subjects on targeting small and big donors, planning for myriad events, creating an efficient organization, selecting a working board, building a data base—and it is this: The book is telling the organization leader to revisit his reason for existence.

The last chapter asks the reader/leader to "face the mirror." While the author intends it to remind the fundraiser to evaluate his/her fundraising plan, the sense to this reader is for the NGO leader to go back to the fundamentals: What moves your organization?

The book overflows with quotes, but the one used by the book captures the central message of the book telling organizations to have, first and foremost, a vision. The statement comes from a famous blind person, Helen Keller: "The only thing worse than having no sight is to have sight but no vision." That, dear readers, is the soul of fundraising. And that keeps this worthwhile effort aflame in the hearts of donors—big and small. *(dantemv@i-next.net)*



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French airline moves to become more Asian

FRANCE and French culture are alien to most Filipinos but Air France strives to bridge the gap, at least during a flight, by making its services more attuned to the demands of the increasing number of clients from Asia, including the Philippines.

"We want to make our services correspond to the needs of the Filipino culture since 80 percent of our clients in the country are Filipinos," explained Louis Vergeon, Air France general manager for the Philippines.

Called "Envol Asia" or "Inflight Asia," the project was created in early 1999 when Asia was recognized as an important market for Air France. It was launched in Japan, then applied to China, Korea, India and now the Philippines.

Air France said the ultimate objective was to achieve customer satisfaction from Asian customers while the philosophy behind the enhanced service was the desire to be more "aware and sensitive" to cultural differences within the Asian context.

The cabin crew's guidebook even says that the crew should be neat throughout the flight as Filipinos are especially particular about tidiness and grooming. The book also noted that Filipinos tend to be too shy to approach the crew and inform them of their needs.

Air France's cabin crew members were sent to Asian cities, including Manila, to learn more and be more familiar with the cultures and manners in each country. They tasted local dishes and experienced a typical Filipino gathering of eating and fellowship.

Air France's inflight cuisine was also modified to adapt to the Filipino taste, again in keeping with its thrust to be more sensitive to the cultural nuances in each country.

Vergeon, however, stressed that the goal was not to transform Air France into an Asian airline.

"We offer our passengers the French or European quality and environment which is the reason they choose to fly on Air France. But we take into account cultural sensitivity, so as not to create any misconception of our services. This is exactly our positioning," he said.

Air France flies non-stop from Manila to Paris four times a week. Its planes have a 40-seat business class. Its edge against the competition is its direct flight to Paris and its private lounge in Paris where guests in the first and business class can use the showers, connect to the Internet and partake of the extensive buffet. *Tina Arceo-Dumlao*

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Help arrives for bangus hatchery business

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
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DAGUPAN CITY—With the bangus (milkfish) culture industry expanding all over the country, there is a growing need to establish hatcheries to produce bangus fry to meet the requirements of aquaculture operators.

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources-National Integrated Technology Development Center here has developed a simplified technology of producing milkfish fry in commercial scale which can be adopted by institutions, farmers' groups and private investors.

Westly Rosario, BFAR-NITDC chief, said that under the national milkfish (PhilBangus) development program, the BFAR research center would bring the technology of commercial milkfish fry production outside Pangasinan.

"If scaled-up and institutionalized in strategic areas nationwide, we can solve the fry shortage in the country. We still import fry from other countries like Taiwan and Indonesia," Rosario said.

He said the program would help reduce the price of milkfish fry from 35 centavos each in three years.

"In five years, the shortage of milkfish fry will be alleviated by the commercial scale production by the bangus hatcheries, and we can export the bangus fry," he added.

The PhilBangus program includes the environmental monitoring of aquaculture areas "so there will be less problems related to fish kill and slow growth of bangus in growing areas," Rosario noted.

The program will also provide livelihood opportunities to fishermen and fish farmers in coastal areas. They can engage in the hatchery business (similar to poultry and piggery), while housewives can be involved in the harvesting, counting and marketing of fry.

Rosario said the would-be hatchery operators would be trained by the BFAR on milkfish broodstock development and commercial production of eggs and larvae.

Facilities

He said that the hatchery engineering and design were very important in establishing hatcheries. The basic services like electricity, aeration, water supply and drainage must be considered.

To establish a hatchery, one needs at least 2,000 square meters of land.

"The site must be considered with utmost care as poor site selection may result in the failure of the project," Rosario said.

The area, wide enough for future expansion, must be located near aquaculture operations and near the sea (for ample supply of clean seawater).

However, Rosario said the

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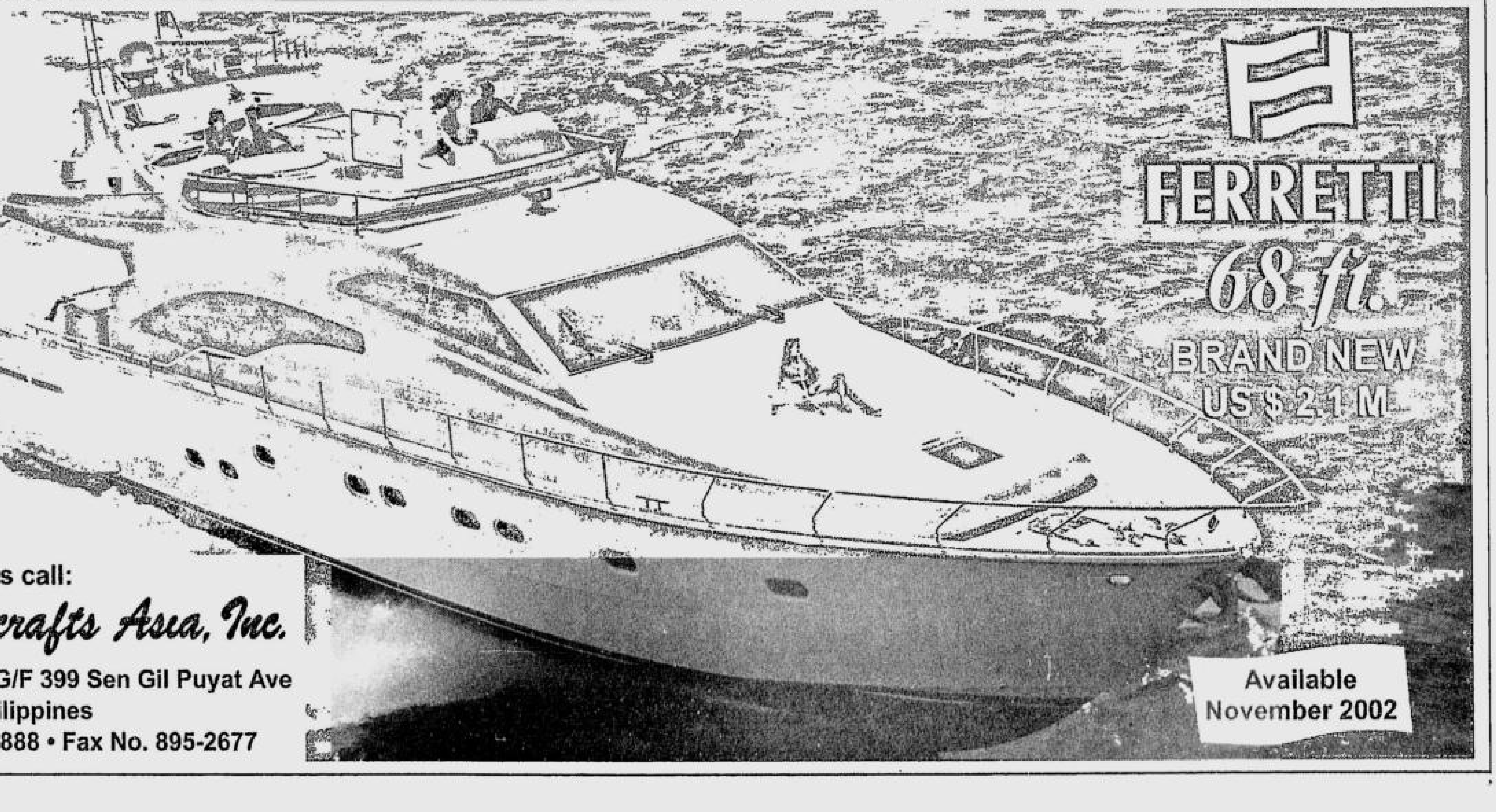

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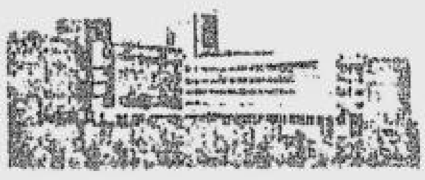

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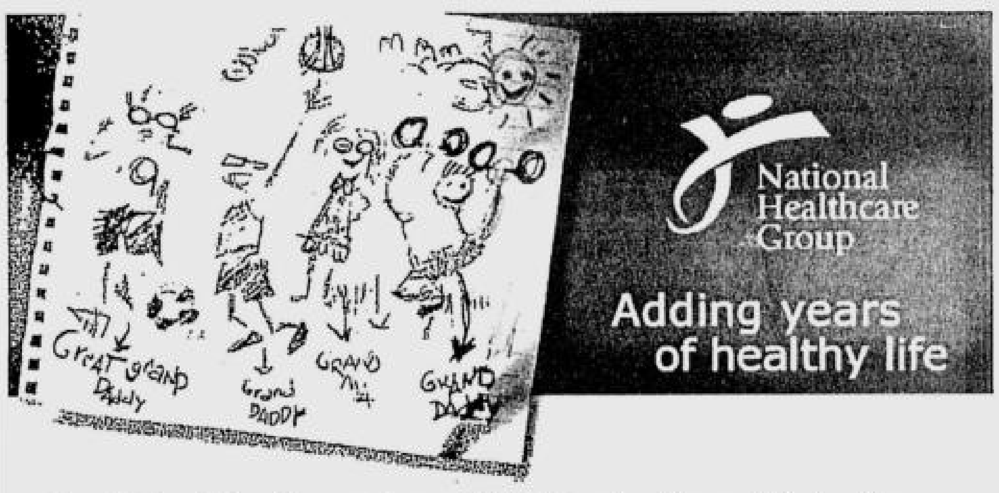

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Computer graduate with one (1) year experience.
- Repairs and troubleshooting of PC Hardware, printers, fax machines with minimum supervision.
- Extensive knowledge in the installation and configuration of Windows/DOS operating systems and WIN NT and Networking.
- Possess exceptional interpersonal skills in customer care and service.

Interested applicants may submit/fax resumé to:

BUSINESSCARE S.T.C., INC
Rm. 301 Corporate Center Bldg.
948 Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City
Fax Nos. 912-1077/ 913-5177

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NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
South Luzon Regional Operation & Maintenance

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

AD NO. TRANSCO 2002-11C

The Southern Luzon Transco (SLT), Transco wishes to invite interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid on the items listed below:

SCHEDULE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	PR NUMBER
	DATE OF BIDDING: NOVEMBER 14, 2002; 2:00 PM	
A1 23 PCS	STEEL POLES, VARIOUS SIZES	3A30-02-127
A2 27 PCS	STEEL POLES, VARIOUS SIZES	CBA-02-188
A3 25 PCS	STEEL POLES, VARIOUS SIZES	A1-02-049
A4 11 PCS	STEEL POLES, VARIOUS SIZES	3CSA-02-163

NOTE : A Pre-Bidding Conference for bidding schedules A1-A4 will be on **October 30, 2002** at 10:00 A.M./SLT Bidding Room

Complete sets of Application Form for Eligibility and Bid Documents may be obtained from the Office of the Manager, Administration Division, SLT, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per schedule starting October 21, 2002. No bid documents will be issued on the date of bidding.

Bids will be received at the SLT Bidding Room, Transco-SL, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna until 2:00 o'clock P.M. on the date specified above after which Eligibility Requirements and Initial Technical Proposals of eligible bidders will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

Prospective Bidders shall signify conformance to bidding terms and conditions as required and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. The procurement rules and regulations used in this transaction shall be in accordance with the implementing rules and regulations of "Executive Order 40."

The Bidder shall furnish as part of his bid, a bid security in the amount equivalent to at least 1% of the approved budget in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's Check, Certified Check, Bank Draft, Irrevocable Letter of Credit, or 1.5% of the approved budget in the form of Bank Guarantee, or 2.5% of the approved budget in the form of Surety Bond, penal and callable on demand issued by a Surety or Insurance Company accredited by the Office of the Insurance Commission.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds for the basis of the BAC's action.

(Sgd.) R.D. RAMAS
CHAIRMAN-BAC
TRANSCO SOUTH

(PDI-Oct. 20, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
Quezon City
Telephone No. 931-8101 to 07

Invitation for Bids

Loan No. 4301-PH
IFB No. ECD-PMO-02/DSWD-010

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines (through the Department of Social Services and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the financing of Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be aplied to eligible payments under the contract for supply and delivery of Information Technology (IT) Equipment.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of IT Equipment. This includes one hundred five (105) units each of Hi-End Brand Desktop Computer, with Modem, Hi-End Brand Laser Printer, Hi-End Brand Uninterruptible Power Supply and two (2) units Hi-End Laptop Computer.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and secure the complete set of bidding documents, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting 21 October 2002 from Ms. Maricris Jacinto of the Property and Supply Division, 2nd floor, DSWD, Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone nos. (632) 9318161, (632) 9318101-07 local 125, and fax no. (632) 9316146 or 9318127.
4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders in the amount of ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00) starting 21 October 2002 upon submission of letter of intent to the above.
5. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank *Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods.*
6. Bids must be delivered to the Property Division, 2nd floor, Deparment of Social Welfare and Development, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City on or before 10 A.M. on 8 November 2002 and must be accompanied by a bid security of two (2) percent of total bid price.
7. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 10 A.M. on 8 November 2002 at Administrative Conference Room, Batasan Complex, Quezon City.
8. Prior to bid opening,a pre-bid conference will be held on 25 October 2002 at 2 P.M. at the address indicated in paragraph 7.

(Sgd.) RHODA F. YAP
Assistant Secretary and
Chairperson, DSWD-BAC

(PDI-Oct. 20, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Building 1, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue, Sta. Cruz, Manila 1003
Tel. Nos. 743-8301 locals 1125, 1132, Fax (632) 743-1829, 743-1786; Direct 711-9502, 711-9503
osec@doh.gov.ph

Invitation for Bids

Social Expenditure Management Loan II
Department of Health, Philippines

Supply and Delivery of EPI Supplies
IFB No. WB-SEMP-2002-003

1. This invitation for bids follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in *Development Business, issue no. 587 of July 31, 2002.*
2. The Government of the Philippines has applied for a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Social Expenditure Management Loan II, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.
3. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) Supplies as follows:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit
1	Syringes and Needles 2-3 cc or ml x gauge 23 x 1" For DPT, HBV, MV & TTV	23,000,000	Pieces
2	Syringes and Needles 1 cc or ml x gauge 26 x ½" or 3/8" needle (Tuberculin)	2,700,000	Pieces
3	Syringes and Needles 5 cc or ml x gauge 21 x 1 ½" For mixing synnge of MV	120,000	Pieces
4	Safety Box, 5 - 7 li. For disposal of used S/N	260,000	Sets

4. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines.
5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement and Logistics Service and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Procurement and Logistics Service
Department of Health
San Lazaro Compound
Sta. Cruz, Manila
Philippines
Tel. No. (632) 711-6831
Telefax No. (632) 711-6712

6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000) or US$250 including air courier for foreign bidders. The method of payment will be cash, or bank draft. Information including names of potential bidders and contact persons telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below before 2:00 p.m. on **December 2, 2002**. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid. Late bids will be rejected outright and returned unopened to the bidder.
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bidding conference will be held at the following address at 2:00 p.m. on November 4, 2002

ICHSP Conference Room
Department of Health
San Lazaro Compound
Sta. Cruz, Manila
Philippines

9. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address above at 2:00 p.m. on **December 2, 2002.**

By the authority of the Secretary of Health:

ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--Oct. 20 & 27, 2002)

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND

CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS
The Atrium of Makati, Makati Avenue, Makati City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG FUND) is inviting qualified Contractors/ Suppliers to a Public Bidding for the Supply and Delivery of the following HDMF Corporate Give-Aways for CY 2002:

Description	Quantity	Agency Budget Ceiling
1. Memo Case with Memo Pad	2,547 pcs.	P 764,100.00
2. Document Clutch Bag	3,042 pcs.	760,500.00
3. T-Shirt	3,873 pcs.	387,300.00
4. Umbrella	4,920 pcs.	492,000.00

Eligibility Requirements, Terms of Reference and Bid Forms may be obtained from the Secretariat, Bids and Awards Committee - Goods and Services (BAC-GS), 7th Floor, Task Force - General Services, The Atrium of Makati Building, Makati Avenue, Makati City starting **October 21, 2002** upon payment of non-refundable fee of **One Thousand (P1,000.00) Pesos**.

Submission of Eligibility Documents and Opening of Bids shall be announced during the Pre-Bid Conference scheduled on **October 29, 2002** at 2:00 p.m., 7th Floor, Task Force - General Services, The Atrium of Makati Building, Makati Avenue, Makati City.

The HDMF reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informality or accept such bids as may be considered advantageous to the Fund. Further, the HDMF assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for expenses or losses that may be incurred in participating in this bidding.

For further inquiries and/or information, please call Mr. Carlos A. Latorre/ Mr. Jose Maria M. Diaz at 811-4262, 811-4279 or visit our Corporate Website at http://pag-ibig-fund.com or e-mail us at hdmfgpis@info.com.ph

(Sgd.) **EMMA LINDA B. FARIA**
Senior Vice President, Technical Support Group
Chair, BAC-GS

(PDI -- Oct. 20 & 28, 2002)

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
KAGAWARAN NG KAGALINGANG PANLIPUNAN AT PAGPAPAUNLAD
(DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT)
BATASAN PAMBANSA COMPLEX CONSTITUTION HILLS
QUEZON CITY

PHILIPPINE 2004

Invitation for Bids

Loan No 4301-PH
RFQ No. ECD-02/DSWD-0010

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines (through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the financing of Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for supply and delivery of Information Technology (IT) Equipment.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, Project Management Office (PMO) of the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of IT Equipment. This includes fifty (50) units each of Hi-End Brand Desktop Computer, with Modem, Hi-Brand Laser Printer, Hi-Brand Uninterruptible Power Supply and two (2) units Hi-End Laptop Computer.
3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and secure the complete set of bidding documents, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting 21 October 2002 from Ms. Maricris Jacinto of the Property and Supply Division, 2nd Floor, DSWD Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone nos. (632) 9318161, (632) 9318101-07 local 125, and fax no. (632) 9316146 or 9318127.
4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders in the amount of ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P 1,000.00) starting 21 October 2002 upon submission of letter of intent to the above.
5. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the World Bank, *Standard Bidding Documents Procurement of Goods.*
6. Bids must be delivered to the Property Division, 2nd Floor, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City on or before 10:00 A.M. on 8 November 2002 and must be accompanied by a bid security of two (2) percent of the total price.
Bids will be opened in the presence of bidder's representatives who choose to attend at 10 A.M. on 8 November 2002 at Administrative Conference Room Batasan Complex, Quezon City
8. Prior to bid opening a pre-bid conference will be held on 25 October 2002 at 10 A.M. at the address indicated in paragraph 7.

(Sgd.) RHODA F. YAP
Assistant Secretary and Chairperson, DSWD-BAC

(PDI--Oct. 13 & 20, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
Old MIA Road, Pasay City
Metro Manila

IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE NON-SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AIR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (AIR TAXI OPERATOR)

ISLAND TRANSVOYAGER, INC.,
Applicant.

CAB CASE NO. EP-22105

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of R.A. 776, as amended, notice is hereby given that ISLAND TRANSVOYAGER, INC. has filed an application before the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) for an application for authority to operate non-scheduled domestic air transportation services (air taxi operator). The initial hearing of the above-entitled case will be held on 05 November 2002 at 2:00 PM at the Conference Room of the CAB, Old MIA Road, Pasay City before the undersigned Hearing Officer, at which hearing, the applicant shall present its evidence.

The applicant is hereby required to publish this Notice of Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days prior to 05 November 2002, once a week for two consecutive weeks.

Parties opposed to the granting of the application must file their written opposition on or before the date of hearing, furnishing a copy of the same to the applicant and appear at the hearing with such evidence as may be proper in the premises. Failure on the part of any interested party to file its opposition on time and appear at the hearing will be construed as a waiver of its right to be heard and the Civil Aeronautics Board will proceed to hear and decide this application on its merit.

Let a copy of the Application and this Notice be posted at the CAB Bulletin Board beginning today.

16 October 2002.
Pasay City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) MANUEL A. MORENTE, JR.
Chief, Legal & Enforcement Division

(PDI – Oct. 20 & 27, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER
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INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Philippine Heart Center will undertake a pre-qualification of the prospective bidders for: a) six (6) months (Jan.-June, 2003) contract for medical/lab., pharma & foodstuff supplies; and b) one (1) year (Jan.-Dec. 2003) contract for security services.

Only accredited bidders/suppliers will be allowed to participate in the bidding

1. Letter of Intent & Company Profile
2. SEC registration
3. Business License
4. List of clients
5. Financial statement (last 2 yrs.)
6. ITR (last 2 yrs.)
7. Location Map of office
8. BFAD Registration/CPR

**secure lists of add'l requirements @ Purchasing Div.

All interested parties are required to submit their pre-qualification documents on or before Oct. 30, 2002.

PHC reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder/s if found that they have submitted falsified docs., and/or information and the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids anytime prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidders

(Sgd.) RAUL D. JARA, M.D.
Chairman, BAC

(PDI--Oct. 19, 20, 26 & 27, 2002)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
BOARD OF INVESTMENTS
Industry and Investments Building
385 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue
Makati City, Philippines

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the application of **MACONDRAY PLASTICS, INC.** with principal office address at Km 13, Panacan, Davao City, for registration with the Board of Investments under Book I of the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987, otherwise known as Executive Order 226, as Amended, as Expanding Export Producer and with existing plant site at Km 13, Panacan, Davao City, has been officially accepted on 06 September 2002 and is currently being processed.

Any person with valid objections to or pertinent comments on the abovementioned application may file his/her objection in writing and under oath, with the BOI within one (1) week from the date of this publication.

(Sgd.) FRANCISCO C. CHAVEZ
OIC-Director
Project Evaluation and Registration Department

(PDI--Oct. 20, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

MANTRADE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION is informing the public that **OFFICIAL RECEIPT # 384011** was lost or misplaced.

Any transaction entered into by any person, entity or establishment using the said Office Receipt shall not be honored by **MANTRADE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.** Therefore, **MANTRADE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** will not be held liable for its use.

(PDI--Oct. 20, 2002)

The
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
of
QUIRINO MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
is now accepting applicants for

Residency Training

for the year 2003.

For details, please call: Rochelle (secretary) at 4376802 or 4212250-54 loc. 161 or visit the department at QMMC, Katipunan Rd. cor. P. Tuazon St., Project. 4, QC

INVITATION TO BID "AS IS WHERE IS"

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2000 HONDA CIVIC VJB-777
2000 HONDA CIVIC WLH-310
1998 MITSUBISHI LANCER WGB-512
1998 NISSAN SENTRA WCT-852

For particulars, call 812-4631

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JOIN THE SPECIALIST ON THEIR WEEK-END WORKSHOP IN ELDERLY CARE NOVEMBER 22 & 23, 2002 FIRST COME FIRST SERVE FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ANTIPOLO GERIATRIC CENTRE TEL. 696-1414 OTHER AVAILABLE DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
Quezon City
Telephone No. 931-8101 to 07

Invitation for Bids
RFQ No. ECD-PMO-02/DSWD-011
Loan No. ADB ADF 1607

1. The Government of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in various currencies towards the financing of the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the procurement of ECD Resource Centers Supplies and Materials.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development, Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP), now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Procurement of ECD Resource Center Supplies and Materials. Details are as follows:

Kind	Estimated Quantity
1. Soft baby Balls 3 different sizes	3,150 sets
2. Open Mouth Puppets	1,050 sets
3. Shape Sorting Balls	525 sets
4. Baby Blocks	525 sets
5. Lock and Stack Bricks (min. of 50 pcs.)	1,050 sets
6. Lock and Stack Bricks (min. of 100 pcs.)	1,050 sets
7. Pegboard	1,050 sets
8. Beads and Lacing	525 sets
9. Dollhouse	525 sets
10. Shape Sorter in various Container	1,575 sets
11. Giant First Mirror	420 pcs.
12. Shake, Rattle and Rolls Floor Toys	1,050 sets
13. Carpentry Tools	525 sets
14. Pound it Up Toys	1,050 sets
15. Multi-Sensory Baby toys	2,100 pcs.
16. Push and Pull toys	1,050 sets
17. Picture/Discovery Books for Infants (5 titles)	5,050 sets
18. Big Board Books with Big Text (5 titles)	5,050 sets
19. Children Story Books for 3 to 6 years old (9 titles)	23,625 sets
20. Assorted Reference Materials	
• Dictionary	210 sets
• Health and Nutrition	1,575 sets
• Child Care/Child Rearing	1,260 sets
• Child Development	315 sets
• Parenting	945 sets
• Community Organization	315 sets
• Group Dynamics	315 sets
• Story Books for Story Telling	3,150 sets
21. Tactile Discovery Cloth Book	2,100 sets
22. Children's Song on Audio Cassette tapes 5 titles	2,625 tapes
23. Big Floor Puzzles	1,575 sets
24. Alphabet Blocks	525 sets
25. Board Games	1,050 sets

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and secure the complete sets of bidding documents, upon presentation of a letter of intent starting 21 October 2002 from Ms. Maricris Jacinto of the Property and Supply Division, 2nd Floor, DSWD, Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with Telephone Nos. (632) 9318101-017 Local 125, and Fax No. (632) 9316146 or 9318127.
4. A complete set of bidding documents may be secured by interested bidders starting 23 October 2002 upon submission of letter of intent to the above.
5. Bids must be delivered to the BAC Secretariat, 2nd floor, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City on or before 3:00 P.M. on 8 November 2002 and must be accompanied by a bid security of two (2) percent of total bid price.
6. Technical Proposals will be opened in the presence of bidders' representative who chooses to attend at 3:00 P.M. at 8 November 2002 at the Administrative Conference Room, Batasan Complex, Quezon City.
7. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on 25 October 2002 at 3:00 P.M. at the address indicated in paragraph 7

(Sgd.) RHODA F. YAP
Assistant Secretary & BAC Chairperson

(PDI - Oct. 20, 2002)

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President

COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

The Coordinating Council for Private Sector Participation (CCPSP) intends to engage the services of local and/or foreign consulting firms to prepare Pre-investment Studies and Tender Documents for healthcare waste management and other infrastructure projects (e.g., health-related, bridges, tollways, water supply, power, solid waste management, ICT, property development, etc) to be implemented through Private Sector Participation.

Interested firms are invited to submit an expression of interest and details of their capabilities and related experience by forwarding their names and address and properly identified as **"LETTER OF INTENT FOR REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY CHECK FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PRE-INVESTMENT STUDIES UNDER THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (PDF)"** to the following address not later than **30 October 2002** for **healthcare waste management projects**. Registration for consulting services for other infrastructure projects shall be entertained continuously.

CHAIRMAN
Bids and Awards Committee (BAC)
Coordinating Council for Private Sector Participation
6/F EDPC Bldg., Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
A. Mabini St., Manila

Consultants' Registration and Eligibility Forms and additional information may be obtained at the above address or through http:/ccpsp.org

Sgd. NOEL ELI B. KINTANAR
Executive Director

Northern Samar Electric Cooperative, Inc.
(NORSAMELCO)
Brgy. Magsaysay, Bobon, Northern Samar
CEL No. 09173619744

INVITATION TO BID

NORSAMELCO invites interested bidders to bid for the supply and delivery of treated wood poles, conductors and various line hardware intended for construction of distribution line under NEA subsidy projects.

Item A	Treated Wood Pole (Red Lawaan or Apitong Philippine Specie)	
	1. 25ft, class 3	77 pcs
	2. 30ft, class 3	205 pcs
	3. 35ft, class 3	130 pcs
	4. Anchor logs, 8" dia x 4ft	325 pcs
	5. Cross arm, wood, 3½" x 4½" x 8'-0"	30 pcs
Item B	Conductors, Bare	
	1. ACSR, 1/0 AWG, 6/1 srtnd	58,000m
	2. ACSR, #2 AWG, 6/1 strnd	31,000m
Item C	Various pole line hardwares	

Interested bidders are required to submit letter of intent with latest company profile before securing bid forms. Bid form can be purchased after the payment of One Thousand Pesos (P 1,000.00) non-refundable. Pre-bid conference is scheduled on **October 31, 2002** at 10:00 a.m. NORSAMELCO conference room. Non attendance during pre bid conference will be disqualified to participate the bid opening. Opening of bid is on **November 25, 2002** at 10:00 a.m. NORSAMELCO conference room. All bidders are required to submit bid bond amounting to 10% of the total bid price. Delivery of materials shall be 15 days after the receipt of Purchased Order (P.O.).

NORSAMELCO has the right to reject any bid which is disadvantageous to coop.

(Sgd.) HENRY C. BANJAWAN
PBAC Chairman

Noted by:

(Sgd.) RICARDO P. LARGO
General Manager

(PDI--Oct. 19 & 20, 2002)

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, 1100
Tel. Nos. (632) 929-6626 to 29 • (632) 929-6552
929-6620 • 929-6663 to 35
929-7041 to 43

PHILIPPINES

LOAN NO. 1665

METRO MANILA AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Expression of Interest

The Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of the Metro Manila Air Quality Improvement Sector Development Project (Investment Loan).

The objective of the Program is to promote policy reforms to improve air quality through the abatement of mobile and stationary sources of air pollution. It focuses on the Metro Manila air shed, the location of the main concentrations of air pollution. Within the Metro Manila air shed, the Environment Management Bureau (EMB) is responsible for collecting ambient air quality data. The EMB is currently evaluating proposals from private consulting companies to update, refurbish and operate the existing air quality-monitoring network. 'The network is comprised of nine fixed and one mobile station, each containing conventional monitors. Continuous monitoring will be conducted for nitrogen oxides, ozone, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, PM 10, PM 2.5, THC, benzene, toluene and xylene and meteorological conditions. TSP and Lead will be sampled on a 24 hours basis.

Consulting Services

The following consulting services will be engaged following ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

Component 1: Develop Guidelines and Procedures - will require one foreign Quality Assurance (QA) expert in Manila for 3 to 4 person-months must have at least 5 years experience in quality management systems and procedures. Experience in conducting training is also necessary.

Component 2: Support Plan Implementation - will require one foreign Environmental Specialist in Manila for 12 person-months, must have at least 5 years experience in operating ambient air quality networks and in data quality review/verification. Knowledge of USEPA protocol, procedures and requirements for quality assurance is also necessary. Hands-on experience in instrument calibration/performance audits is a must. Overseas experience is desirable.

The Consultants should contact the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at the address below for more detailed description of the services required.

Interested parties may secure Pre-qualification documents from the PEVAC Secretariat c/o Ms. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, Foreign Assisted and Special Programs Office, DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City with telephone nos. **928-0970/928-0028/926-8065** starting **October 14, 2002** at 9:00 a.m.

Deadline for the submission of Expression of Interest and duly accomplished Pre-qualification documents shall not be later than 4:00 p.m. of **15 December 2002** addressed to:

RAMON J.P. PAJE
Undersecretary and Chairman, PEVAC
c/o the PEVAC Secretariat
Foreign Assisted and Special Programs Office
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Fax No. (632) 926-2689

Specific Notice

(Sgd.) **RAMON J.P. PAJE**
DENR Undersecretary and PEVAC, Chairman

(PDI - Oct. 13 & 20, 2002)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SAN LAZARO HOSPITAL
Manila

BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The San Lazaro Hospital hereby invites sealed written bids for the procurement and delivery of various hospital supplies and materials for First Semester CY, 2003 and Hospital Services for CY 2003.

Only responsible and duly licensed/accredited suppliers and/or exclusive distributors under the governing rules of the DOH Accreditation Committee and duly registered at the DBM G-EPS Registry are qualified to participate.

Bidding documents can be secured at the Secretariat, SLH BAC, Office of the Administrative Officer V, 2nd floor Administration Building, SLH, Sta. Cruz, Manila, upon presentation of the following:

1. Authenticated DOH Suppliers Accreditation Certificate with the certified list of accredited products (Drugs & Medicines/Laboratory/Medical/dental supplies/devices).
2. Authenticated copy of License to Operate (DTI/Mayor's permit).
3. Authenticated copy of the DBM G-EPS Certificate of Registration.
4. Payment of non-refundable fee for Janitorial/Security Services – Php1,000.00, Laundry Service – Php500.00 Drugs and Medicines/Laboratory – Php1,000.00; Medical/Gases Supplies – Php500.00; Dental/Radiology/Dietary/Engr. & Maintenance – Php300.00 & Janitorial/Office – Php200.00.

Particulars	Issuance of Bid Documents	Pre-Bid Conference	Submission of Bids	Opening of Bids
Category I: Services				
a. Janitorial Services	October 16-31, 2002	October 30, 2002 9:00 a.m	Nov. 15, 2002 9:00 a.m	Nov. 15, 2002 9:01 a.m.
b. Security Services	October 16-31, 2002	October 30, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 19, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 19, 2002 9:01 a.m.
c. Laundry Services	October 16-31, 2002	October 31, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 19, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 19, 2002 2:00 p.m.
Category II: Hospital Supplies & Materials				
1. Various Drugs / Medicines	Oct. 21-Nov. 15, 2002	Nov. 5, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 21, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 21, 2002 9:01 a.m.
2. Various Laboratory Reagents/Supplies	Oct. 21-Nov. 15, 2002	Nov. 5, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 22, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 22, 2002 9:01 a.m.
3. Various Medical Supplies	Oct. 21-Nov. 15, 2002	Nov. 6, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 25, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 25, 2002 9:01 a.m.
4. Various Dietary Foodstuff	Oct. 25-Nov. 20, 2002	Nov. 6, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 9:01 a.m.
5. Various Radiology Supplies	Oct. 25-Nov. 20, 2002	Nov. 7, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 2:01 p.m.
6. Various Dental Supplies	Oct. 25-Nov. 20, 2002	Nov. 7, 2002 10:00 a.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 3:00 p.m.	Nov. 26, 2002 3:01 p.m.
7. Various Maintenance Supplies	Nov. 1-22, 2002	Nov. 11, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 27, 2002 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 27, 2002 9:01 a.m.
8. Various Office and Janitorial Supplies	Nov. 1-22, 2002	Nov. 11, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 27, 2002 2:00 p.m.	Nov. 27, 2002 2:01 p.m.

All activities shall be held at the SLH Amphitheater Audio Visual Room/SACCL Conference Room, San Lazaro Hospital, Quiricada St., Sta. Cruz, Manila unless announced otherwise.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security of not less than two and a half percent (2.5%) of Approved Budget Cost per item or as indicated in the issued Bid documents. Delivery of Supplies is on staggered basis and bid validity is for six (6) months.

For further details, please contact the Secretariat, SLH-BAC at Telephone Nos. 309-95-52 or 711-69-66 (telefax).

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(Sgd.) ELEONORITA E. REYES
Chairperson, SLH BAC

Noted by:
(Sgd.) ARTURO B. CABANBAN, MD, MHA
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depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be
able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord."
— Romans 8:38-39

Marcos Sevilla Valentin

February 19, 1973 – October 17, 2002
Manila Science High School, Batch 1988
University of the Philippines, Los Baños

His loving wife **Hazel**; son **Rommel Mark**;
parents **Rudy** and **Lydia**,
parents-in-law **Albert** and **Cecille Pandes**;
sister **Nepheline (Rhoda)**, brother-in-law **Joel Calix**;
nieces and nephew **Dannilene Carmelo**,
Mark Henrick and **Regina Alexis Calix**;
grandmother **Luz Peña Valentin**;
aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, and other relatives
request readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the
Holy Trinity Memorial Chapel in Sucat, Parañaque.

Interment will be on Sunday, October 20, 3:00 p.m.
at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque.

Sacred to the memory of

MARCELIANO MENESES, JR.

1922 - 2002

God, our Father, has called him, inviting him to be filled with the light.
Thus, he has found his way home on October 17, 2002.

His wife, **Adelaida Monsalud Meneses**
. His daughter, **Michaelina** and **Patrick Antonio**
His grandchildren,
Tony and **Gigi Lopez** with **Cariece** and **Amanda**
Anna and **Michael Sy** with **David**
and
Patrick Jr.
Relatives and friends

Ask you to pray for him that he may come to share eternal joy in heaven.

He is now at the Christ the King Church, Greenmeadows Subdivision, Quezon City.

The mass of resurrection will be on October 22, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. before the interment at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City.

JOSE (Peping/Joe) MACANAYA VENTURA

of Aparri, Cagayan and Davao City

Died in the grace of our Lord on October 13, 2002 at the age of 66.

His bereaved family: wife **Cecilia Magno**; children **Jovic**, **Paolo & Chona**, and **Carissa**; grandchildren **Aina**, **Miguel**, and **Nina**; sister **Nena** (†); brothers **Fermin & Ito**; and relatives, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His body will be flown in from Paris, France and will lie in state at Mt. Carmel Shrine Parish, Doña Juana Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon City on October 21, 2002.

Memorial Services will be held at 8:00 p.m. on October 23, 2002.

So dearly loved...
So fondly remembered...
So truly missed...

In memory of a good husband, a loving father,
a dedicated friend and an aspiring leader...

ATTY. ISABELITO HUERTO OJEDA

On the Second Anniversary of his rebirth to eternal life on October 20, 2000.

His wife **Sally K. Litonjua**; his children **Gina**, **Gerard**, **Isabelita** and **Susana Grace** request relatives, friends and pious readers to join them in praying for the eternal repose of his soul.

Holy Masses will be offered at the following Churches today, October 20, 2002:

Santa Quiteria Church, *Baesa*	6:00 AM
Christ the King Parish, *Greenmeadows*	All AM Masses
Nativity of Our Lady of Parish, *IVC, Marikina*	7:30, 9:30, 10:30 AM 6:00 PM
San Sebastian Church, *Legarda*	8:00 AM
Our Lady of Loreto, *Sampaloc*	8:00 AM
Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene, *Quiapo*	8:00 AM
Our Lady of Monserat Basilica, *San Beda College*	8:00 AM
Saint Francis Church, *Mandaluyong*	8:00 AM
Santuario de San Jose Church, *East Greenhills*	8:15 AM
St. Anthony's Shrine, *Sampaloc*	8:15 AM
San Roque Church, *Mandaluyong*	8:30 AM
Sta. Cruz Church	4:45 PM
Santisimo Rosario Church, *University of Sto. Tomas*	6:00 PM

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved

FRANCISCO LETRERO PLANTA

Born January 30, 1962
Peacefully joined our Lord on October 17, 2002
in Binangonan, Rizal.

His bereaved parents **Santos** and **Teresita Planta**; brother **Robert Planta** and wife **Tessie**; sister **Ma. Teresa** and husband **Robert Simpson**, and **Dr. Margaret Planta** and husband **Frederick Choa**; nephews **Robert Simpson III**, **Justin Michael Choa**, and **Donovan James Choa**; niece **Charisse Simpson**; aunts and uncles, cousins and relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Interment will be on Sunday, October 20, 2002 at Sto. Rosario Memorial Park, Binangonan, Rizal after the 3:00 PM Mass.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

ROSARIO GOMEZ Vda. de BARRETTO

Now peacefully joined her Creator on 18 October 2002 at the age of 72.

Her bereaved children **Edgar** and **Aida**, **Eva** and **Dario**, **Gabby** and **Peachy**, **Benjie** and **Judith**, **Mario** and **Odette**, **Ernie** and **Josie**, **Patty** and **Francis**, **Lala** and **Edmund**; and grandchildren request the pious readers to kindly pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Marian Memorial Chapels, Marcos Highway, Antipolo City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 9:00 AM Holy Mass.

"...absent from the body, to be present with the Lord"
2 Corinthians 5:8

LYDIA G. MAGLAYA

of Cabanatuan City, and Family Clinic

Now peacefully rest in the Grace and Goodness of the Lord on October 18, 2002 at the age of 82.

Her loving brothers and sisters, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, wish to inform relatives and friends that her body lies in state at La Funeraria Paz, Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park), Parañaque City.

Her remains will be transferred to the Methodist Church, Cabanatuan City on Tuesday, October 22, 2002.

Interment will take place on Thursday, October 24, 2002 after the 9:00 AM service

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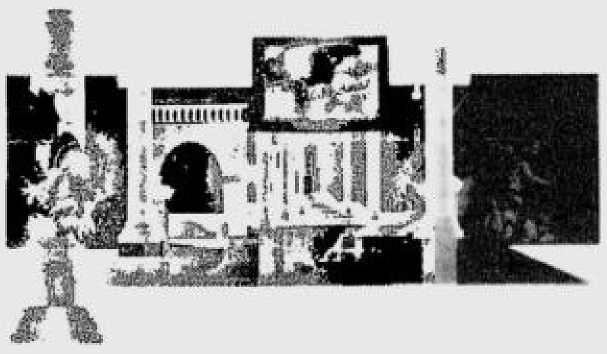

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BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO 2:00 P.M. ON 4 NOVEMBER 2002. BIDS WILL BE OPENED AT 10:00 A.M. ON 5 NOVEMBER 2002 AT THE OAS CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 4522). BIDDERS WISHING TO ATTEND THE BID OPENING ARE WELCOME TO DO SO.

BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A BID DEPOSIT BY MANAGER'S OR CASHIER'S CHECK IN AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST TEN (10) PERCENT OF THE BID AMOUNT, TOGETHER WITH THE DULY ACCOMPLISHED BID FORMS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.

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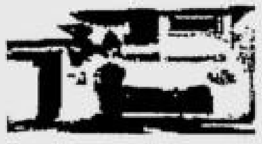

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Invitation for Bids

October 18, 2002
Loan No. PH-P184
IFB No. PISU-CO/272002-JBIC

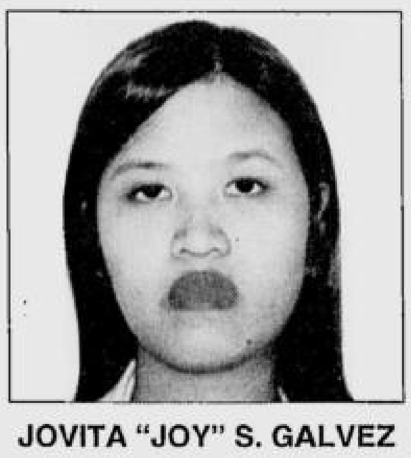
1. The Government of the Philippines through the Department of Education (DepEd) has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) (formerly the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund) in Japanese Yen towards financing the cost of Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for **Supply and Delivery of School Furniture to Selected Public Elementary Schools in the Philippines.**
2. DepEd Philippines Project Implementation Support Unit for the Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of School Furniture.
3. For the purpose of this bid, eligible bidders shall be those who have experience in the supply or selling and distribution or delivery of school furniture to public or private elementary schools in remote areas in the Philippines.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and secure the bidding documents at the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) with office address at 112-A Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Tel. # (632) 636-6543 or 632-1361 local 2019, Fax # (632) 636-6542 starting **October 21, 2002**, or visit the DepEd website at http://www.decs.gov.ph.
5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased upon submission of a written application to the above and payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (PhP2,000.00).
6. Bids must be delivered to the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building I, Department of Education, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City on or before 10:00 A.M., on **December 2, 2002** and must be accompanied by a security in the form of bank guarantee, irrevocable letter of credit, cashier's or certified check of not less than two percent (2%) of total bid amount.
7. Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 10:00 A.M. on **December 2, 2002**, at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Building I, Department of Education, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
8. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held on **November 14, 2002**, 10:00 A.M. at the venue indicated in paragraph 7.

(Sgd.) **RAMON C. BACANI**
Undersecretary and
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – Oct. 20, 27 & Nov. 2, 2002)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that **MS. JOVITA "JOY" S. GALVEZ** whose picture appears below is no longer connected with International Quality Manpower Services, Inc. (I.Q. MAN) effective October 3, 2002.



JOVITA "JOY" S. GALVEZ

All transactions entered into by **JOVITA "JOY" S. GALVEZ** for and in behalf of I.Q. MAN from the said date will not be honored by the company.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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October 11, 2002

INVITATION FOR BIDS

IFB NO. 2002-7-2(3)

The Department of Health hereby invites sealed written bids for the supply and delivery of **2,700 pcs. SENTRONG SIGLA SEAL** for the use of the Bureau of Local Health Development with an approved budget of Three Million Nine Hundred Fifteen Thousand Pesos (PhP3,915,000.00) chargeable against their funds.

A complete set of bidding documents may be obtained by interested bidders at the Procurement & Logistics Service, Bldg. #26, Department of Health upon payment of **non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (PhP2,000.00)** only and upon submission of authenticated Mayor's Permit and Business Name from **October 21 to November 15, 2002** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

A **pre-bidding conference** will be held at the Bureau of Health Devices and Technology (BHDT) Conference Room, Bldg. #24, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila at **1:00 p.m. on November 4, 2002.**

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By Authority of the Secretary of Health:
(Sgd.) **ZENAIDA O. LUDOVICE, MD, MPH, CESO II**
Assistant Secretary of Health
Chairperson Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

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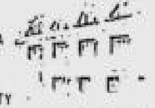

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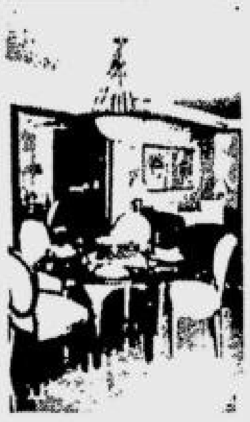

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AS A FITTING reward to its ever-expanding subscriber base, Globe Telecom recently launched The New Globe Platinum—an exclusive membership club that entitles subscribers to a world of exciting treats and privileges. Among these are special telco privileges, discounts at leading dining and shopping establishments, and exclusive offers at sports and recreation facilities. Globe Platinum members can also avail themselves of great deals at various hotels and resorts.

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Winners for the daily and grand raffle draws will be drawn randomly via electronic raffle. All winning entries in the daily draw are disqualified in the succeeding daily draws, but all non-winning entries are automatically included in the grand draw.

P10,000 in cash will be given away daily to one lucky winner everyday until Dec. 15. In the grand raffle draw on Dec. 27, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes of P100,000, P50,000 and P25,000 will be drawn. As a bonus, 10 consolation prize winners will each receive P10,000 in cash.

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AGA, CHARLENE IN CELLSITE LAUNCH

Globe Telecom's prepaid GSM service Touch Mobile is further strengthening its foothold in the northern Luzon area with the recent launch of several new sites, one of which is located in Sta. Ana, Pampanga. These new cellsites will enhance Touch Mobile's network coverage and quality of signal in Pampanga, increasing the number of cellsites in the province from 38 to 42, including those in the towns of San Fernando, Angeles, Arayat, Mexico and Mabalacat. To date, Touch Mobile has 2,238 cellsites all over the country. Shown are Touch Mobile husband-and-wife celebrity endorsers Aga Muhlach and Charlene Gonzales (4th and 5th from left) joined by Ana Singson, vice president for Touch Mobile (3rd from left) and local officials of San Fernando, Pampanga during the groundbreaking rites in Sta. Ana. Touch Mobile offers, aside from voice calling and text messaging, unique services such as voice messaging and voice info.

18TH ISSUE ROCKS MUZIKLABAN 2002

Unadulterated rock and genuine extra strong beer flowed all night as this year's Red Horse Muziklaban 2002 reached its culmination. Five bands that made it to the homestretch showed their 'tunay na Lakas sa tugtugan' Sept. 20 at Tomas Morato, Quezon City. The bands that rocked the Scout area were 18th Issue of Metro Manila, Nora Aunor's Fans Club of Pampanga, The Cowboyz of Davao, Midnight Sun of Legazpi, and Last Train of Dumaguete. Out of the five, 18th Issue roared and won as Red Horse Muziklaban 2002 national grand champion. With P60,000 in cash came the opportunity to produce their very own music video of their original song which will be aired on MTV Philippines. All winners will record an album with Alpha Records and guest in 'MTV Unplugged', UnTV's 'In the Raw', Viva TV Programs and in various NU 107, Magic 89.9 DWTM and Killer Bee radio programs.

Broadband Philippines rolls out landline phone

FOLLOWING the issuance of permit from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), Broadband Philippines has stepped up efforts to construct and install facilities for a landline telephone operation.

Broadband Philippines chair and chief executive officer Joey de Venecia said the company will now be able to offer Voice Services to both residential and business users in selected cities and municipalities nationwide.

He said the LEC (local exchange carrier) service is the first consumer product that Broadband will offer. Its core product of Internet access is offered only to corporate organizations.

"Our subscribers will have flexible plans to choose from. We are combining wired and wireless technology to accelerate deployment and provide cost effective services."

Since Broadband's network is an IP network, the company has chosen to implement Voice Over IP technology (VOIP). Voice over IP is expected to provide substantial cost savings to corporations who rely on global markets. With the introduction of VOIP, voice and data is carried on a single network.

Companies will be able to utilize their available space or the bandwidth of their corporate networks, thus eliminating duplicated expenses of maintaining two networks for line rental, servicing, installation, and inconvenience. With VOIP, companies can expect more efficient use of their telecom infrastructure in addition to the savings on long-distance or international calls, as voice traffic can be sent via the Internet to contact anyone anywhere in the world.

"VoIP is just but one of the value-added services that Broadband Philippines will be offering to its subscribers. With the new license, our company will be able to provide more business opportunities to our corporate clients. It is meant to bring in more business for both our clients and their own subscribers", said De Venecia.

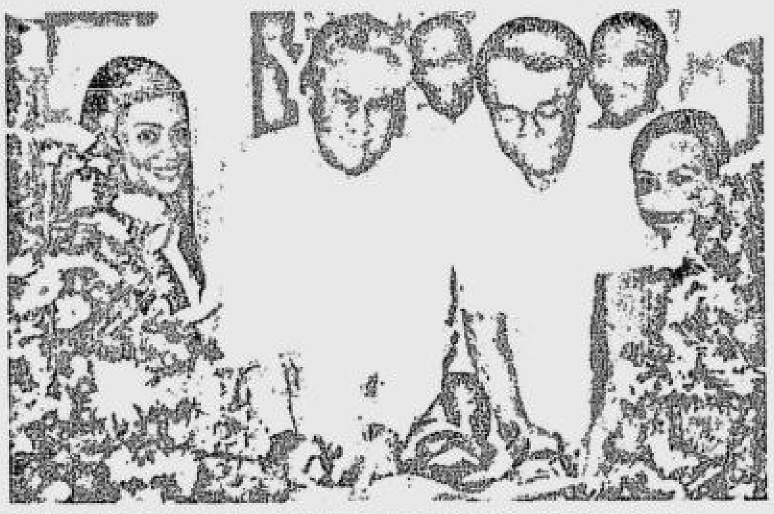
Broadband Philippines' LEC potential is conservatively estimated at about 30 percent of the potential market of Internet subscribers/computers in each targeted city or municipality in the Philippines.

The total number of estimated users nationwide is about 230,000 over the next five years.

The total project cost of providing the LEC services is estimated at P117 million. He said that Broadband's LEC would not entail an incremental investment since it would run under its existing broadband network.

"It would be a good revenue source for the company," he said.

Broadband Philippines is the country's premier broadband service provider. The company provides a wide range of corporate data solutions, Internet services, e-commerce solutions, and voice services.



NEW YORK LIFE OPENS BRANCH IN DAVAO

Making its inauguration recently in Davao was New York's Brooklyn Eagles branch, headed by New York Life Insurance (Phils.) Inc. president and CEO George B. May. Alongside are, from left, recruitment specialist Donna Bartolome, vice president of Allied Banking Corp. Robert Uy, and managing partner of New York Life Davao general office Mary Anne Rivera.

AIM meets the consumer

THE ASIAN Institute of Management (AIM), in cooperation with the Ayala Center, will hold its AIM Consumer Exhibit "United Entrepreneurial AIM Meets the Consumer" from Nov. 6 to 9 at Greenbelt 1 Lobby, Makati City. Spearheaded by the AIM Student Association, the AIM Consumer Exhibit will showcase companies owned or led by AIM graduates, highlighting their quality products and services. The event will also include promotions, presentations and customer matching. The event will form part of SA's three-pronged project for 2002 to 2003. Proceeds of the event will go to the renovation of the SA's Store at AIM Campus. A marker will also be installed bearing the company names that participated in the event. For more details, call the SA secretariat care of Addie Ureta at 892-4011 local 386, fax 840-3949 or e-mail aim_sa@dataserve.aim.edu.ph.

Clips

Church silver anniversary

THE COMMUNITY Church of Las Piñas (CCLP) will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Oct. 27. The anniversary theme is "Together, Moving Forward In Faith". The speaker will be Rep. Cynthia Aguilar-Villar. One combined Worship service at 9:30 a.m. will be held, followed by a luncheon and a Filipiniana extravaganza of colorful presentations by its different local church organizations. Formerly independent and ecumenical, CCLP is now a member of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), one of the mainstream Protestant denominations affiliated with the National Council of Churches in the Philippines. Except for Oct. 27, the regular Sunday Worship schedules are 8-9 a.m., first Worship, 9-10:30 a.m., Sunday classes, 10:30-11:30 a.m., second Worship, and 5-6 p.m., vesper Service. For inquiries, call 801-6052, fax 801-3518.

Faith wins robotics tilt

THE HIGH school robotics team of First Asia Institute of Technology and Humanities (Faith), based in Tanauan, Batangas, won first place during the 1st Philippine Robotics Olympiad held at the Marikina Riverbanks Mall. The team will represent the Philippines in the World Robotics Olympiad slated Nov 2 and 3 in Beijing, China. The Faith high school robotics team is composed of Dennis Nora (team leader), Jovito Conrado Encarnacion, Alphard Lazo, Adrian Centeno and Joey Eisen Guillen, with their coach Merlyn Japlos. The team bested De La Salle Zobel, Philippine Science High School, Manila Science High School and Grace Christian School. The competition was organized by the Philippine Robotic Society and the Philippine Science Foundation with sponsors Felta Corp., Kesters Food Corp, Marikina Banks Mall and Lego Acta.

Family First opens action hotline

FAMILY First Inc., the exclusive marketing arm of Berkley International Plans Inc., opens to the public its Action Center Hotline at 755-1591.

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CFC-AYALA AON PARTNERSHIP

Couples for Christ (CFC) recently signed a partnership agreement with Ayala Aon Risk Services Inc. (AARSI). Through this collaboration, CFC members may now acquire Motor Car and Fire Insurance services especially designed to protect CFC members through the convenience of the CFC Cooperative. Present at the MOA signing are (from left) Eugenio Ladrido, chair for business development committee co-ops, Bernadette F. Cuevas, vice chair for co-ops, Allan G. Unson, vice president of Ayala Aon retail division, James Matti, president of Ayala Aon, and Victor Hizon, co-chair of Mutual Aid Fund Committee.

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Help arrives for bangus hatchery business

From page B3

hatchery should be far from rivers and tributaries as bangus fry cannot survive for long in freshwater.

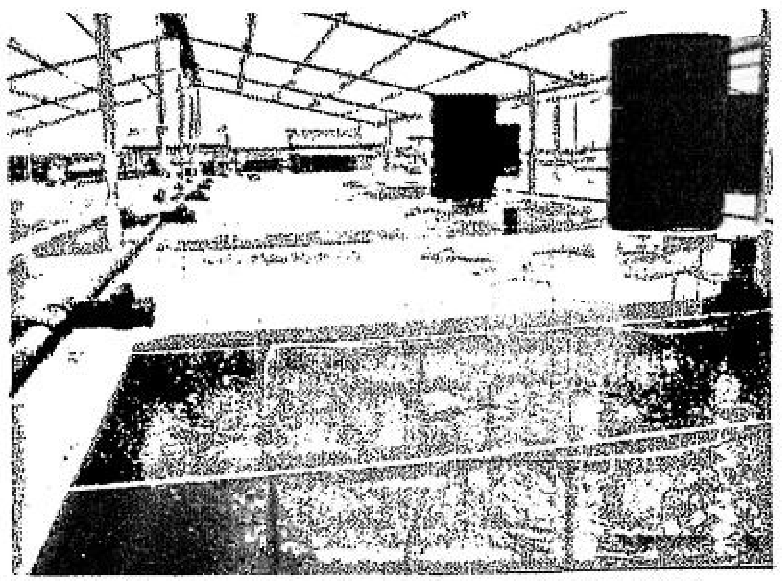
He said there must be a source of clean water and electricity for the hatchery and the site must be accessible to buyers.

According to the economics of a hatchery operation prepared by the BFAR, a bangus fry hatchery would require a P900,000 investment for infrastructure and equipment.

These include larval rearing tanks (10 units), caretaker huts, water pumps, water filters and aeration and air pumps.

The production cost for a year (eight batches of fry) totals P464,475.

The eggs can be bought at the BFAR hatcheries at a low cost. The total investment for the first year is P1.36 million and the facilities and equipment are expected to depreciate at P45,000 annually.



THE LARVAL rearing tanks at the PhilBangus hatchery in BFAR research center.

But for the first year alone (actually about seven months), an investor can expect to earn a net of P1.4 million from the sale of bangus fry.

Rosario said at least 40 percent or 6.4 million of the 16 million eggs would survive. These can be sold at 30 centavos each or a total of P1.92 million.

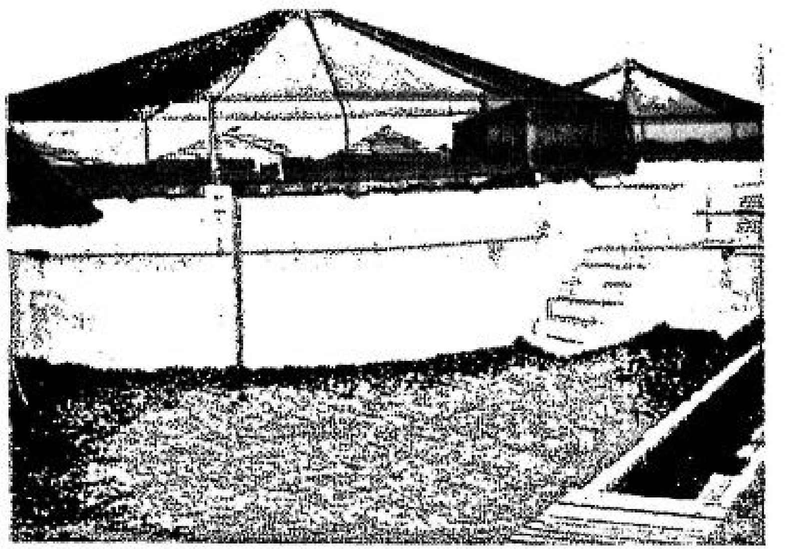
"If you deduct the total cost of the facilities, production and depreciation, you still have a neat profit of more than P1.4 million. This means that the investment can be recovered in less than a year," Rosario said.

Assistance

The BFAR research center would assist in the establishment of hatcheries, Rosario said. The center also holds trainings on hatchery operations.

Hatchery operators must know the process and biological requirements of developing eggs, from egg fertilization until hatchery in seed and fry production, Rosario said.

He said the juvenile fish are given natural food thus the hatchery includes facilities for the production of chlorella (a phytoplankton) which serves as food for the bangus fry.



BANGUS breeding tanks.

The BFAR also plans to expand its bangus breeding facilities here so it can produce more than 125 million eggs annually. It will construct additional spawning tanks, natural food production and larval rearing tanks and more earthen ponds.

It's like driving a Ferrari he Autobahn.

When the Internet started as a simple network of computers used mainly by scientists, researchers and academics, no one predicted it would turn into a new global medium. The World Wide Web, the most-often accessed part of the Internet, has sites that equal (sometimes, exceed) the broadcast media in terms of production values and visual style, while the contents rival that of found in print.

Plug-ins such as Flash, Shockwave, RealAudio, among others heighten the Internet experience. No wonder everyday, millions of people jump into the so-called Information Superhighway a.k.a the Infobahn, to access things like up-to-the-second news to episode guides of their favorite TV series, walkthroughs of their favorite computer games to more esoteric stuff like Alyssa Milano movie trailers, proof of alien life photos and Styx lyrics. With such a wealth of information available, it's not surprising that this virtual freeway will be jammed. Since, like its real life counterpart, the more users, the more congested it will be. Also, the more flash (pun intended), the heavier the website will be. Which means, if your hook-up to the Web isn't optimal, downloading the site on your PC can be as fun as watching paint dry. In other words, ordinary dial-up connections just don't cut it anymore.

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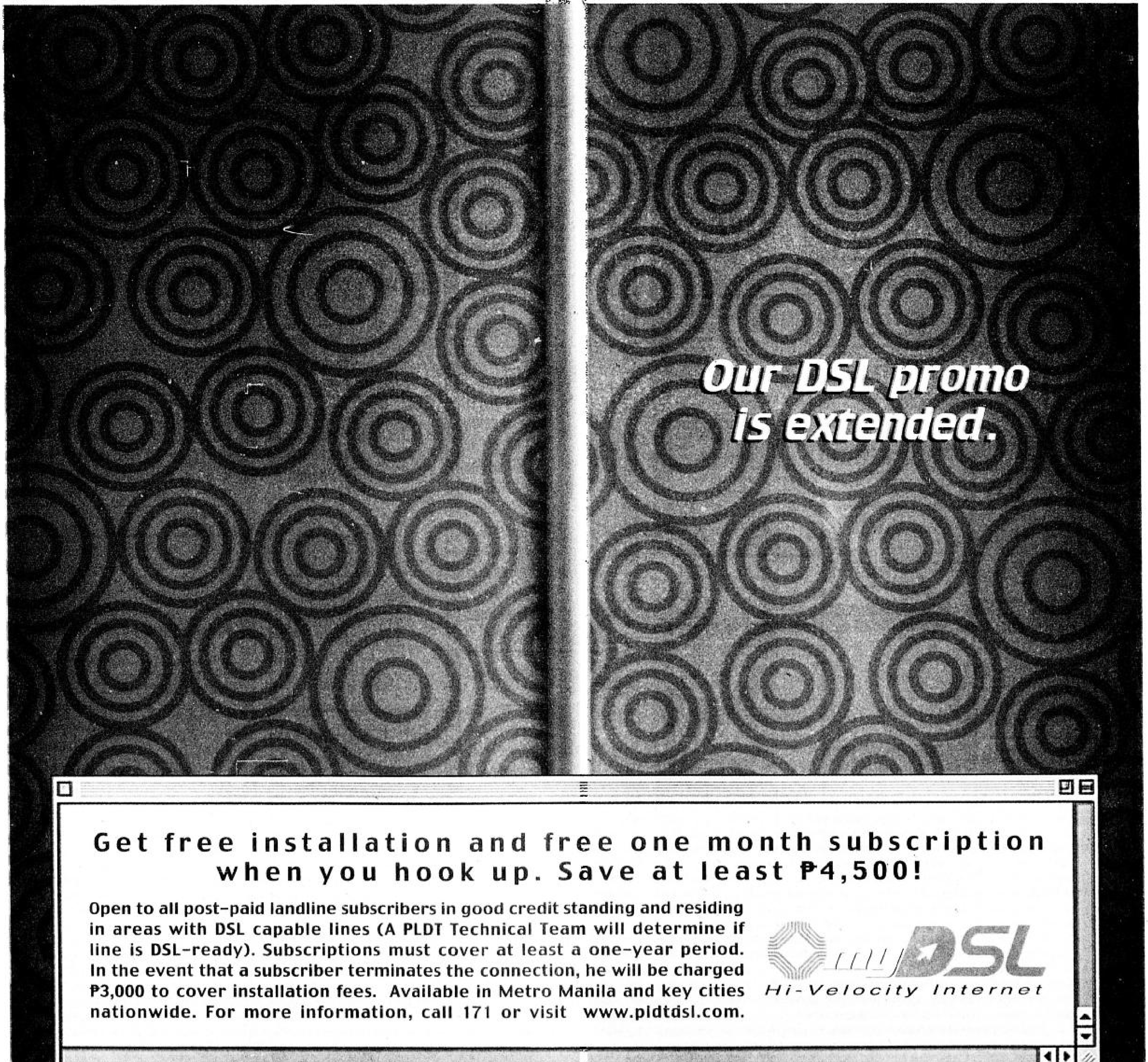

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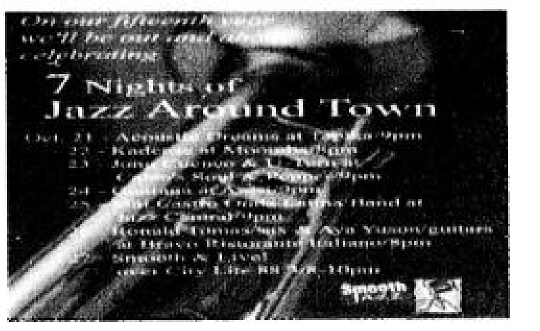
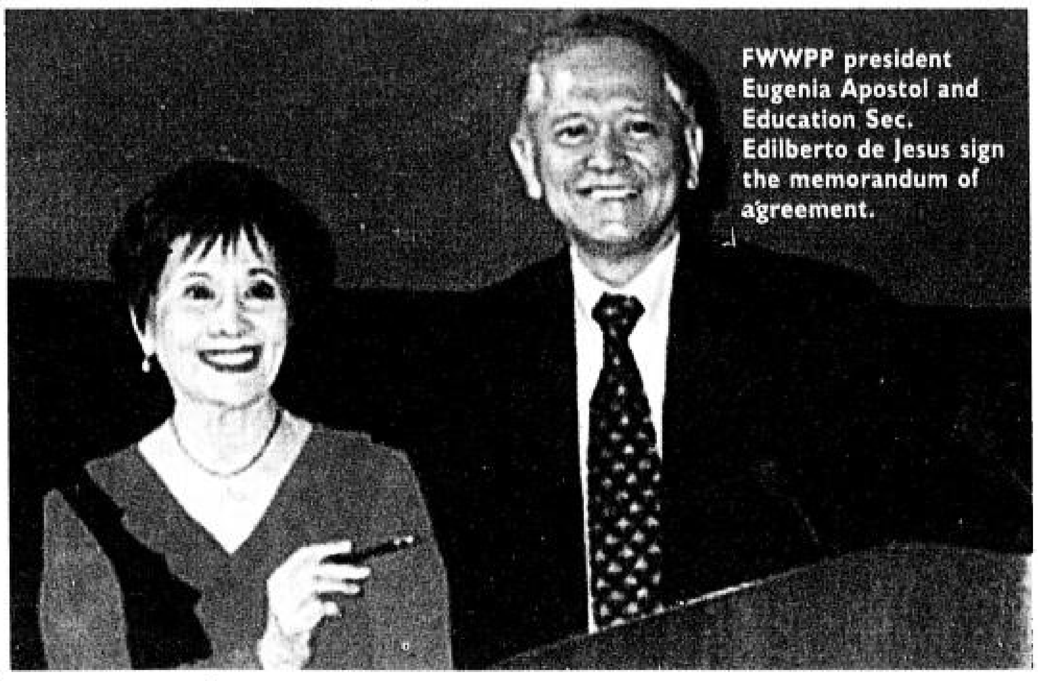


Education Revolution catches fire

Do you want to adopt a public school? All you need are good intention and determination



FWWPP president Eugenia Apostol and Education Sec. Edilberto de Jesus sign the memorandum of agreement.

By Alfredo Hernandez
Contributor

WOULD you say a theater is the perfect place to launch a revolution? Sure, why not?

The Premiere THX was packed on Oct. 12. The program was scheduled to start for the launching of the Education Revolution at 5 p.m. but people started to pour in an hour early.

The faculty of Dr. Jose Abueva's Kalayaan University was among the early birds.

So were guest of honor Education Sec. Edilberto de Jesus and wife Melinda Quintos de Jesus of the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, followed closely by Health Sec. Manolet Dayrit.

The children in the cast of "Mga Munting Tinig" led by their musical director Joy Marfil were actually at the theater much earlier because they needed time to rehearse their opening number.

THE AUTHOR, executive director of FWWPP

Rita Aquino, chief organizer for the Sitio Talaga Adoption committee, came with a few teachers. The main bulk of their group, led by Dr. Rommel Serrano of Couples for Christ, made a wrong turn somewhere but managed to make it to the theater with time to spare.

Myra Menguito and her guests from Couples for Christ mingled with the other "revolutionaries" in the lobby, as Dr. Nim Gonzalez of Task Force Eskwela ng Bayan and several associates made their way in.

Chito Gascon casually waited for the activities to begin. He later seated himself beside Prof. Dindo Manhit of De La Salle University.

Lost in the crush of people were Edwina Tiosejo and the staff of the Ateneo Center for Educational Development. Not to be outdone were the staff of Dr. Celia Adriano and Dr. Evelyn Mijillano of the UP Office of the Vice Chancellor.

Ambassador and Ms Bienvenido Tan of the Philippine Business for Social Progress opted not to sample the excellent hors d'ouvres. INQUIRER chair Marixi Prieto and her guests later joined him at the back row.

Pretty associate lawyer Sandy Coronel of the Azcuna, Arroyo, Chua and Caedo law firm, breezed in with a teacher-friend in tow. Seen already seated comfortably inside the theater were Dr. Eden Orosa Kelemen and her family.

The Assumption Sisters came in full force as guests of Chinit Delgado Rufino, director of the Mentoring the Mentors Program. Later in the evening, her son JV Rufino, executive editor of INQ7.net, was seen conversing with FWWPP president Eugenia Apostol.

Speaking of the Rufinos, they matched their generosity in giving the FWWPP a free run of the movie house they built in honor of their beloved Louie.

Mike Suarez and Shalom Mapagu of the Third Elementary Education Program (TEEP), and journalists Chit Estella and Booma Cruz, had to sit on monobloc chairs. The theater was that full.

Director Gil Portes patiently waited for the arrival of his lead actress Alessandra de Rossi, who came in promptly at 5:30 p.m. Actor Paolo Ravales walked in a bit later. Sultry Dexter Doria, the durable Robert Arevalo and a slim Ricky Davao, quietly made their way in the theater.

Manuel L. Quezon III, Rosie Osmeña Valencia with daughter Leah, Vicky Quirino Delgado, Mila Magsaysay Valenzuela, Caloy Garcia Campos and Bam Aquino, stood up one by one as the members of the Task Force Education Revolution were introduced. Francisco "Paco" Magsaysay and Luli Arroyo had prior appointments.

On hand to welcome guests were FWWPP secretary and treasurer Fely A. Arroyo and Dr. Maria Lim Ayuyao. Trustees Pepe Abueva, Amando Doronila and Del Lazaro were all out of town.

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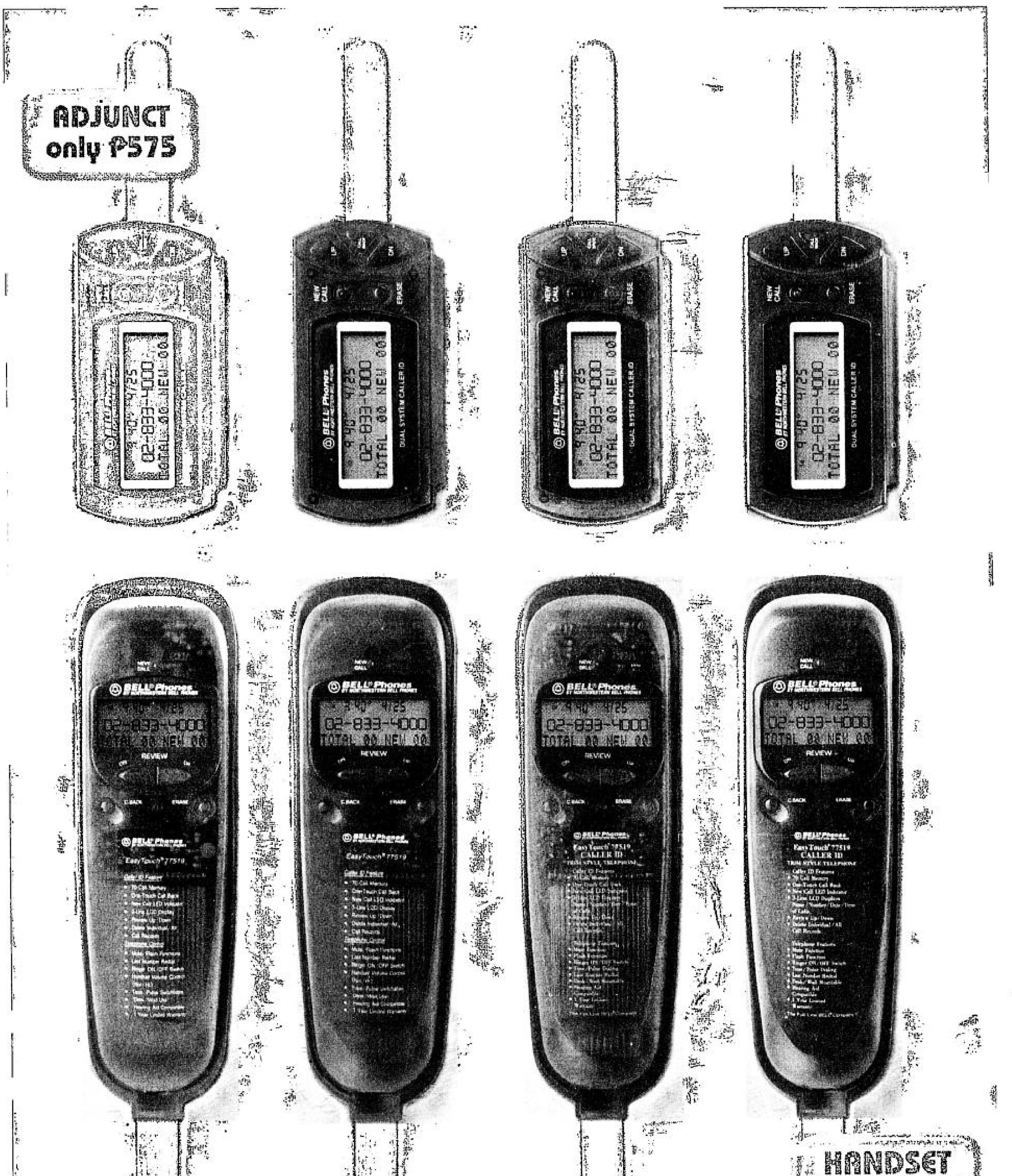

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YOUNG choir from "Mga Munting Tinig" presents the theme song to the audience.

Education Revolution catches fire

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files to facilitate [the campaign's] objectives."

In simple ceremonies, Secretary De Jesus and FWWPP president Apostol signed the memorandum of agreement formalizing the partnership between the FWWPP and the DepEd in the Education Revolution campaign.

Through this MOA, the FWWPP can now actively enlist the help of school officials in promoting the Education Revolution on the national, regional and school district levels.

Just as important, the FWWPP can quickly find out everything an adoption group needs to know about their chosen school, such as faculty composition and academic training, enrollment statistics and the profile of the community to which that particular school belongs.

Pampanga

This November, the Education Revolution will be launched in Pampanga through the initiative of Dr. Emmanuel Y. Angeles, president and CEO of Angeles University.

Dr. Angeles' career in education spans four decades. The FWWPP is closely coordinating with him in ironing out the details of the launch.

Angeles visited the FWWPP offices almost immediately after he read about the Education Revolution in the Philippine Daily Inquirer. "This is something I have always wanted to do," said Angeles.

Cynthia Martinez got hold of the FWWPP as soon as she read about the Education Revolution. She wants to volunteer. She's particularly interested in the Mentoring the Mentors Program.

Lawyer Manuel Breaniza, human resources director of UST and recently knighted by the French government, sent word via e-mail that he wanted to volunteer.

Ingrid P.Consing of the Global Environment and Nature Ecosystems Society Foundation Inc. (Genesys Foundation Inc.) wants to know how her organization can link up with the FWWPP.

Ma. Theresa Sarona also sent a letter all the way from Davao volunteering her services. Sarona is experienced in organizational development. We hope she can set up an adoption group in her hometown.

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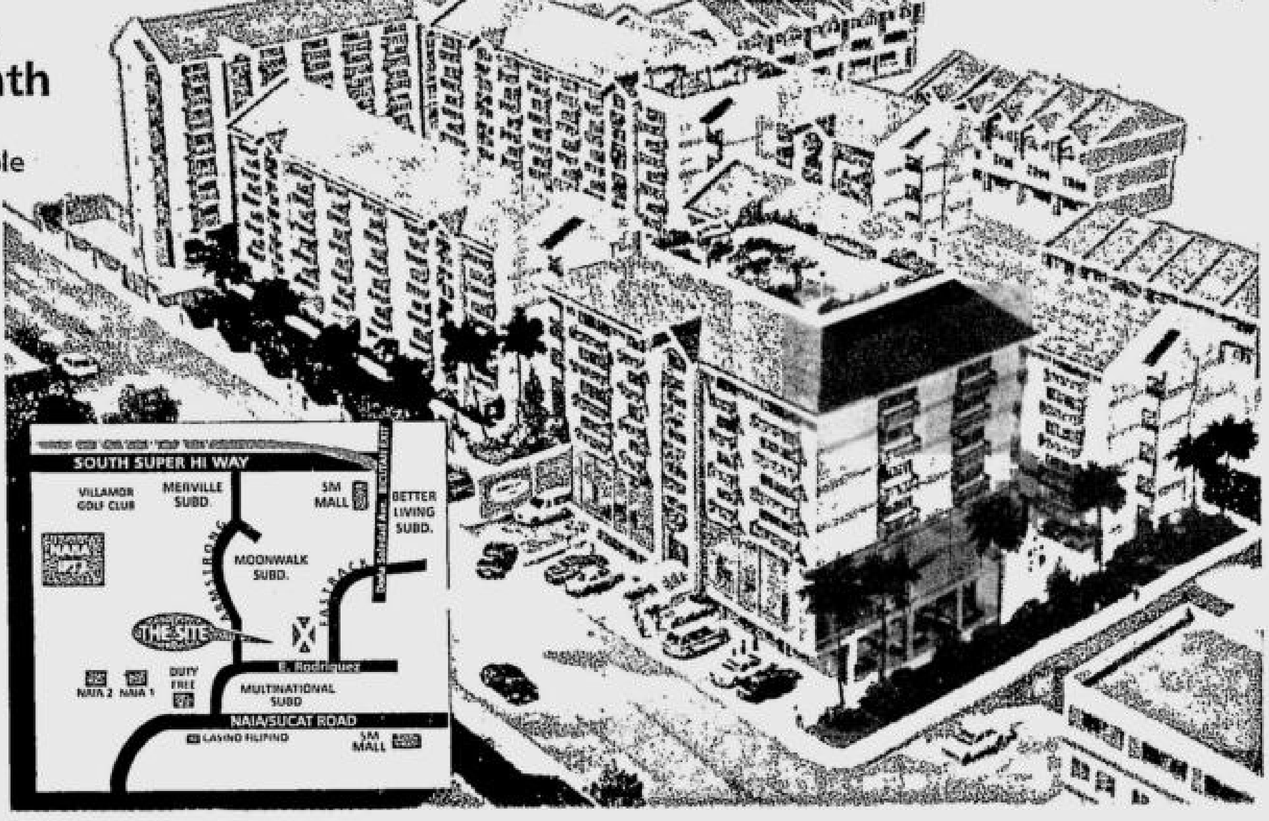

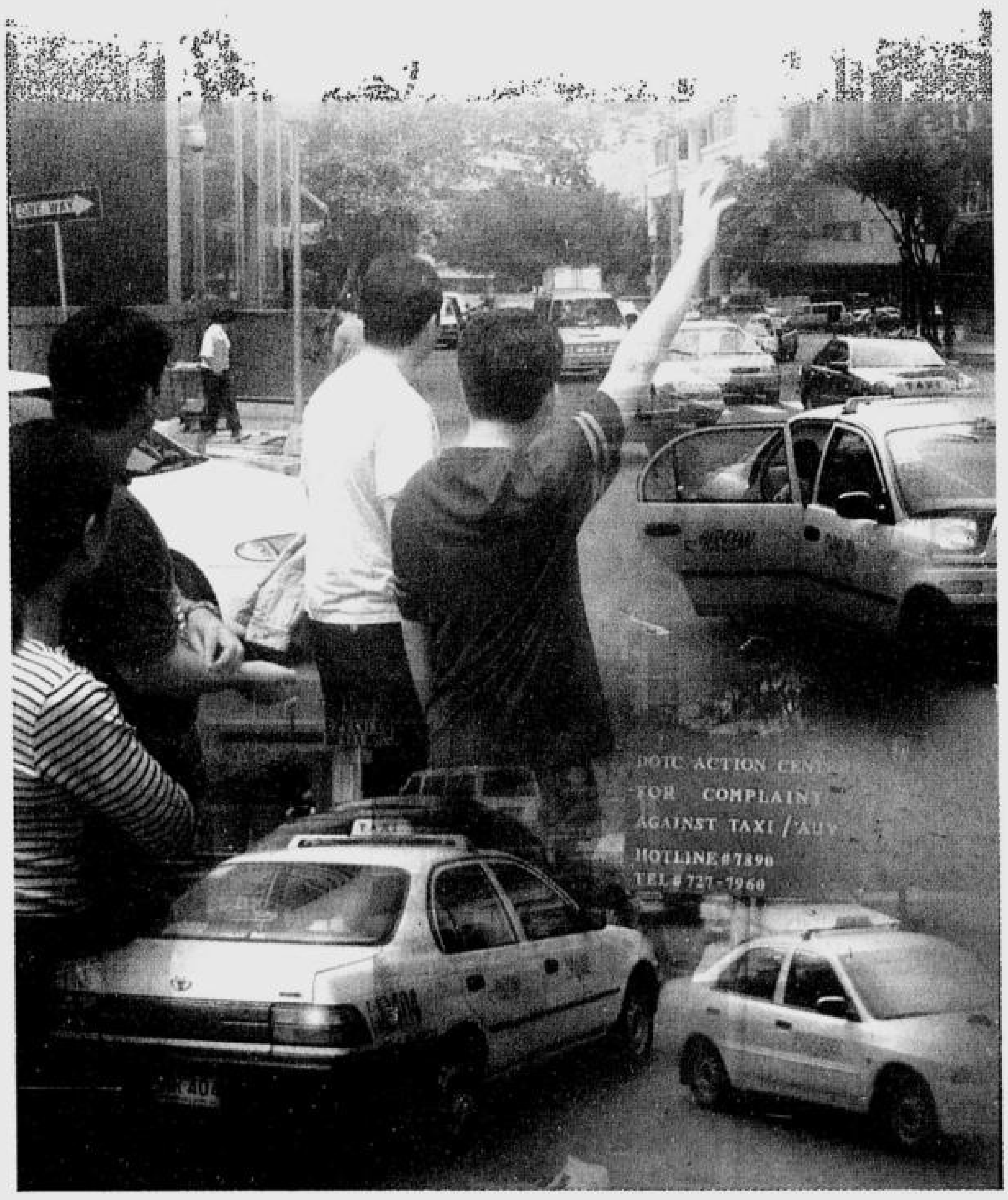

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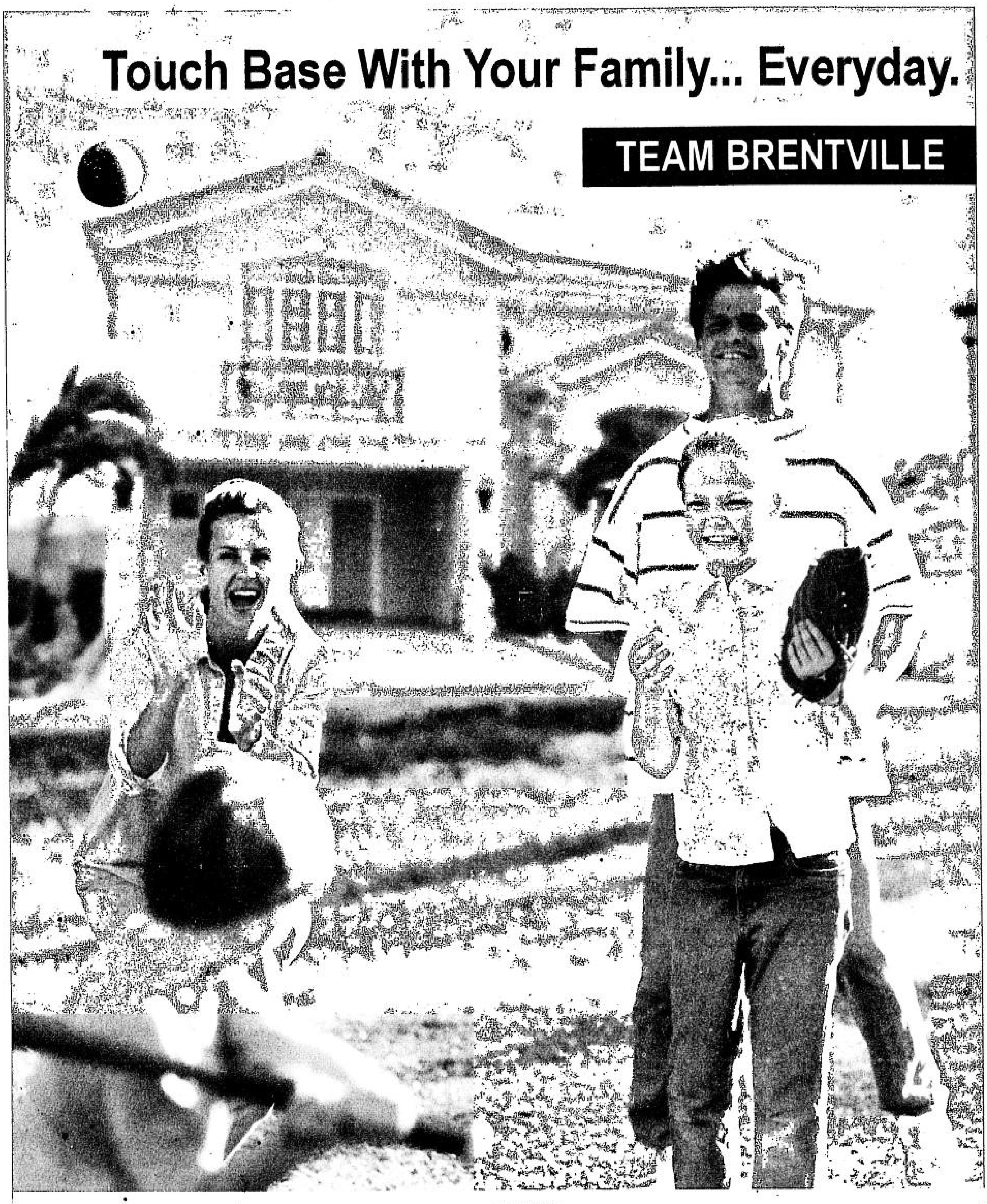

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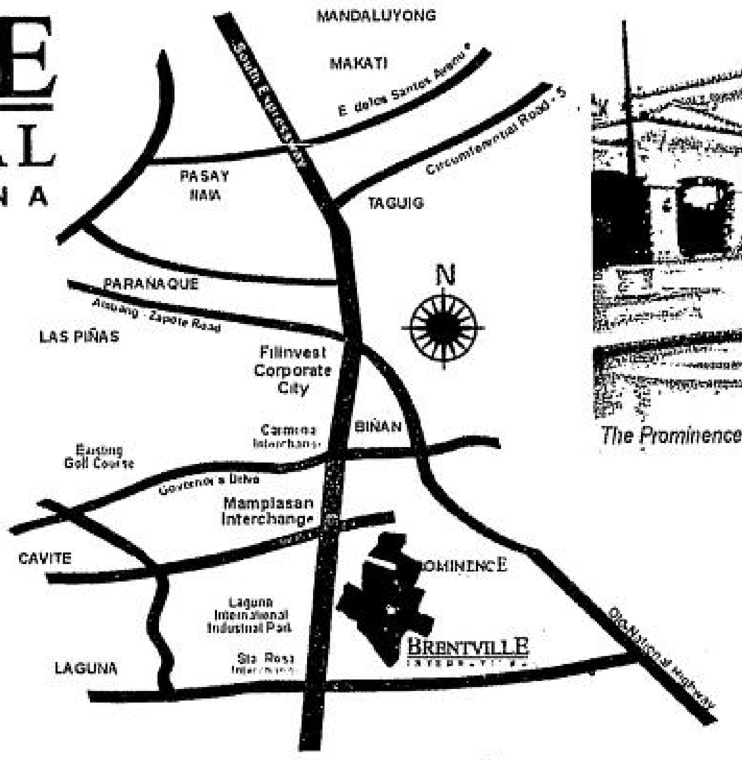
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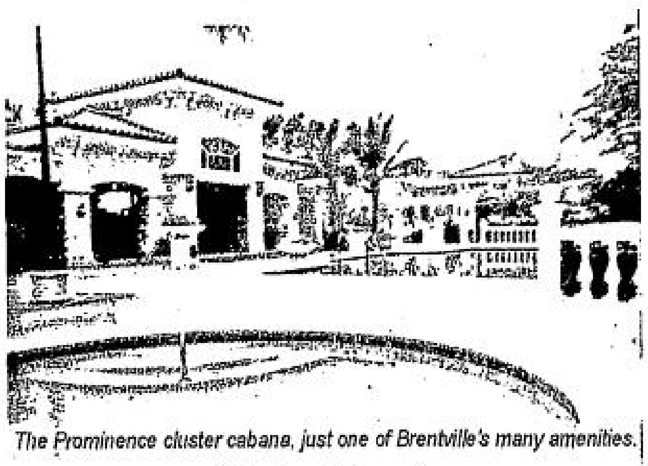

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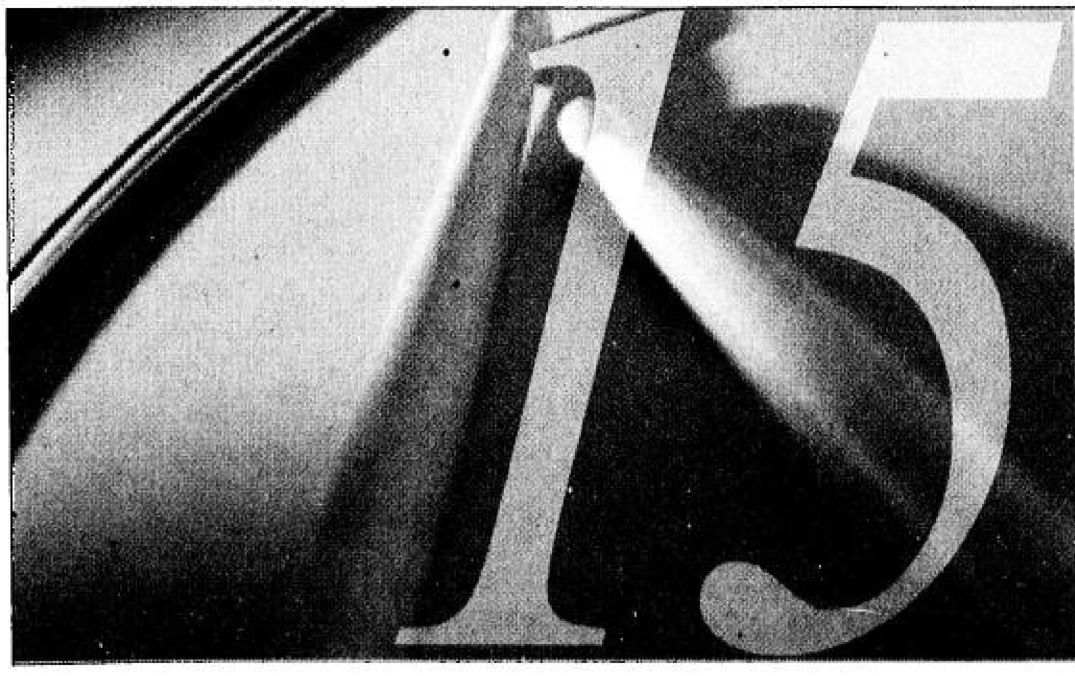

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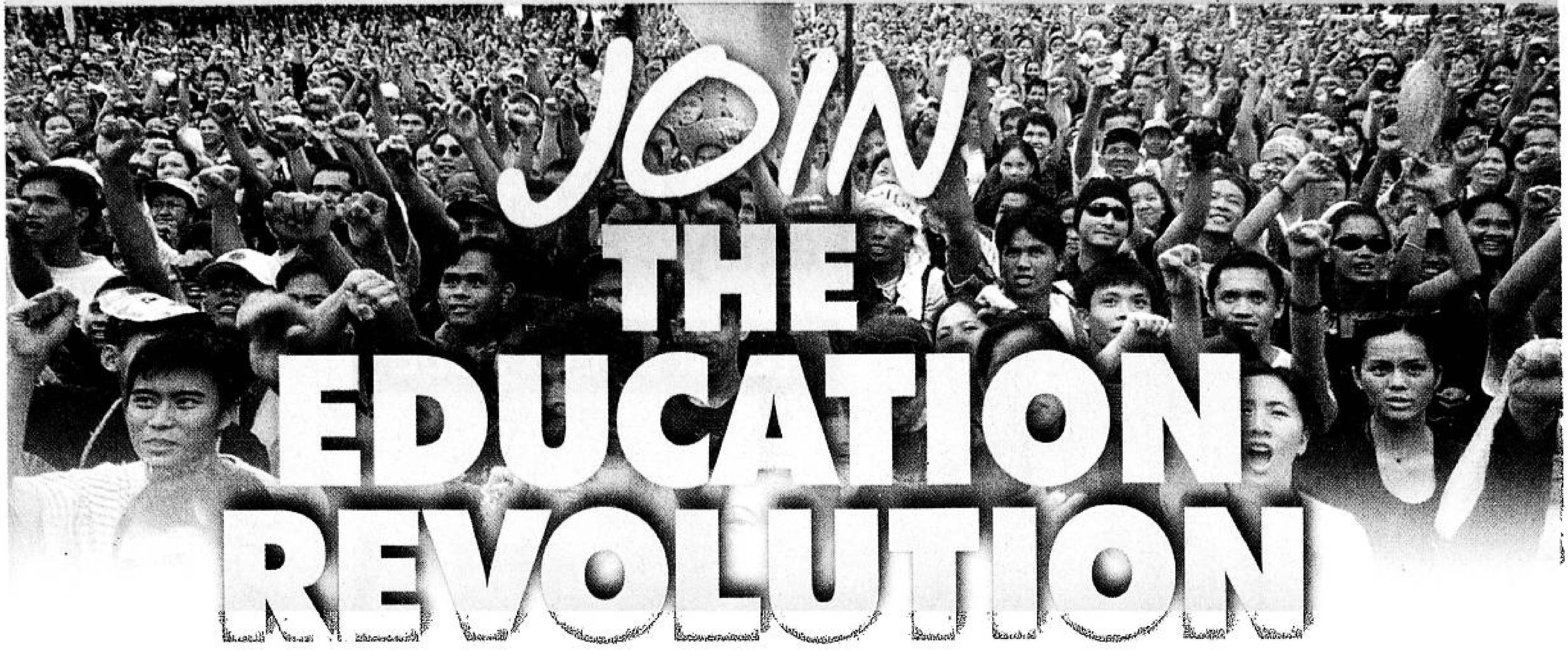

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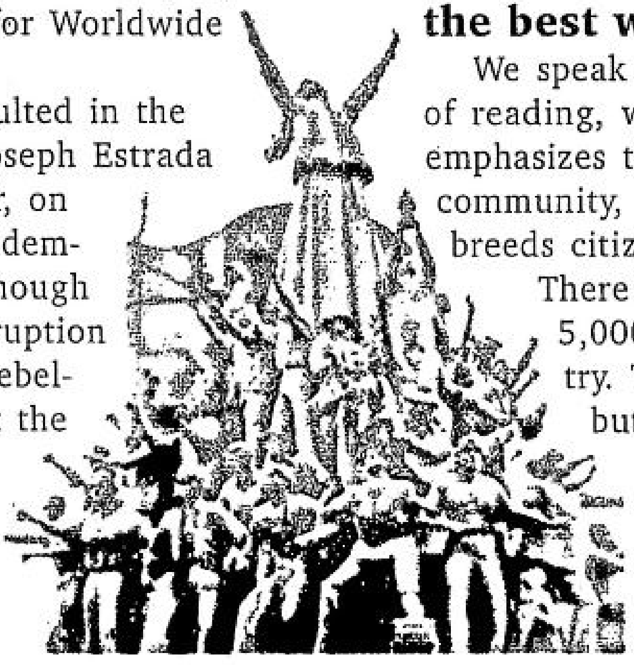
In January 2001 EDSA II resulted in the impeachment and removal of Joseph Estrada as President. Three months later, on May 1, there followed a violent demonstration by his followers. Although billed as EDSA III, it was a corruption of People Power. However, this rebellion sent a strong message: that the plight of the poor of the Philippines needs to be addressed.

One and a half years into the Macapagal-Arroyo government, the problems of the poor remain despite the administration's well-meaning efforts. The FWWPP now feels that the nation urgently needs a new call for People Power. This time, the call is away from politics ... and in the direction of **education**.



The FWWPP is convinced (as our National Hero Jose Rizal himself said) that **education is the best weapon against poverty.**

We speak of education beyond the basic skills of reading, writing and 'rithmetic; education that emphasizes the value of love and concern for family, community, country; education that empowers and breeds citizens of purpose and vision.

There are 35,000 public elementary schools and 5,000 public high schools throughout the country. The government allocates money for them, but not enough to make them as effective as they should be.

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- Let us use People Power to move local officials to pay attention to the school.
- Let us get local residents and business to support a school feeding program, or to donate additional textbooks and school supplies, or to boost the shelves in the school library.
- If local help is not available, let us write our governor, our congressperson, our senators. They are our servants, and our children's.
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Education is a slow process, but we must double our efforts so that the nation will feel the change soonest. For the sake of our children, we must fast track nothing less than a revolution in education.

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This project is ready to be fielded by the FWWPP under the chairmanship of Ms. Chinit Delgado Rufino.

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If you have a group or an organization that would like to undertake a specific project, you might want to consider the list below. We encourage you to make your donation directly to your beneficiary school. We can assist you in preparing your Memorandum of Agreement and other pertinent documentation if you wish. (We'd like to include you and your project in our database. Please fill out the form below and fax to the FWWPP at fax no. 633-2820 or email to **fwwpp@glinesnx.com.ph.)**

Organization:

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INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	Specifications	Cost Estimate
☐ School Library (structure only)	84 sq.m.	P500,000
☐ Science / Computer Lab	7 m x 12 m	P480,000
☐ Single story bldg with toilet	7 m x 9 m classroom with 1m x 1.5m toilet	P367,000/room x no. of rooms
☐ Two-story bldg	-same as above -	P500,000/room x no. of rooms
☐ Repair and rehabilita tion of building		P40,000/classroom
CLASSROOM /STUDENT SUPPORT PROJECTS	**Description**	**Cost Estimate**
☐ Classroom Learning Kit (50 kits / class)	1 bag, 8 textbooks, 8 notebooks, 3 writing pads, 1 set crayons, 1 eraser, 1 ruler, 1 pencil case	P60,000/class
☐ Provision of textbooks for an entire class	8 textbooks/ student @ P75/ textbook	P30,000/class
☐ School Feeding Program	120 feeding days at P10 per child	P60,000
☐ **MENTORING THE MENTORS** for 20 teachers	5-day on-site Teacher Training	P100,000

Cory endorses People Power to reform education

From page A1

CATHAY Pacific Steel Corporation, through the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Inc. (FFCCCII), donates a two-classroom prefab school building to a Mangyan community in Oriental Mindoro headed by Fr. Ewald Dinter, Mangyan Mission director (middle). FFCCCII has committed to donate 14 school buildings to seven Mangyan communities in Mindoro under its Operation: Barrio Schools program.

Ms Aquino, who has pledged to donate 25,000 chairs for public high schools in the next five years all over the country, in partnership with Philippine Bureau to Social Progress and United Way International, ended her statement with: "I urge my fellow meters of civil society to take a closer look at our educational system—in particular, the public school system—and see how they can help increase their resources, improve its facilities, and raise the standards of instruction and nurturing.

"A society must invest in its youth if it is to rise above itself. The times call for those who can and those who have, to work together in bringing about a much-needed revolution in education."

Speaking of conservatives going into a revolutionary mode, the FWWPP is in awe of another endorsement, this time from John K.C. Ng, president of the Federation of the Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Inc. (FFCCCII), the largest association of Filipino-Chinese businessmen in the country, with close to 170 chambers nationwide.

Ng announced on Oct. 14 the federation's desire to participate in the Education Revolution.

He said: "The federation joins hands with the FWWPP in harnessing the power of education to fight poverty. The federation's contribution in this effort is our Operation: Barrio Schools, a program that channels funds from the Chinese-Filipino community toward the construction of schoolhouses all over the country. This is in line with the federation's desire to serve as a conduit for utilizing the resources of the Chinese-Filipino community toward nation-building."

"Since its launching in 1960, a total of 2,500 school buildings or 5,000 classrooms have been constructed. About half a million school children benefit from these school buildings or 700 classrooms until 2003.

"The Operation: Barrio Schools got a boost recently from Sen. Franklin Drilon when he decided to assign P100 million of his Countrywide Development Fund to the FFCCCII for the construction of 570 classrooms nationwide.

Pioneering

"This pioneering undertaking transfers the responsibility of constructing school buildings from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). A classroom built by the DPWH through private contractors costs P350,000.00, while FFCCCII can build a similar facility at half the price."

Ng further states that "with our involvement in the Education Revolution, the federation will be part of a larger network of like-minded organizations pursuing a common objective. I think we will be more effective this way. With the network of FWWPP, the private sector can become a more effective force in promoting social and economic development.

"The FFCCCII has been actively promoting education programs over the years. In addition to Operation: Barrio Schools, the FFCCCII is also a partner of the Connect-Ed.ph program—a private sector initiative that seeks to provide computers and Internet access to public schools. The FFCCCII also has a scholarship program, known as the FFCCII-Metrobank Foundation Share the Gift of Education, which provides educational subsidy to qualified elementary and high school students."

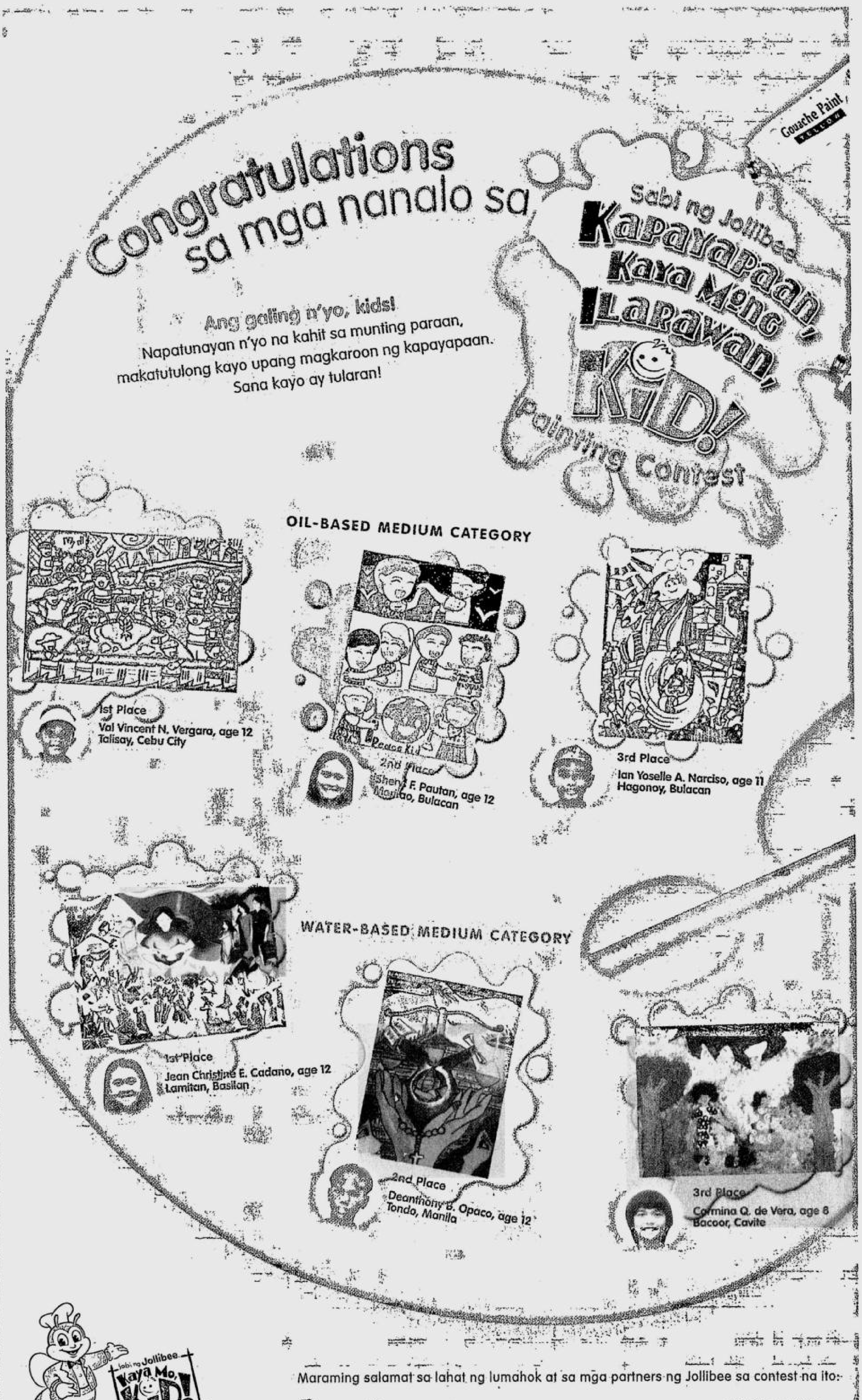
Worth mentioning among dozens of respondents was the personal visit paid the FWWPP office by Councilor Roberto Pinsoy of Dipolog City, Zamboanga. Councilor Pinsoy was particularly excited about the Education Revolution's call "away from politics, toward education."

Also, a phone call from Cagayan Rep. Jackie Ponce Enrile, who asked for brochures and Adopt-a-School information to give to all the mayors of his district.

The young politicians can indeed see the value of this Education Revolution.

Recipients of chairs this year are Bagong Silang Elementary School, Bagong Silang High School and Fairview Elementary School, all in Quezon City; F. Ma. Guerrero Elementary School, Pedro E. Diaz High School in Alabang, Muntinlupa; C.P. Sta. Teresa, Tenement and Taguig Elementary School, all in Taguig; Longos Elementary School in Malabon; Quirino Elementary School in QC.

JOHN K.C. Ng, president of the FFCCCII and owner of the Cathay Pacific Steel Corporation



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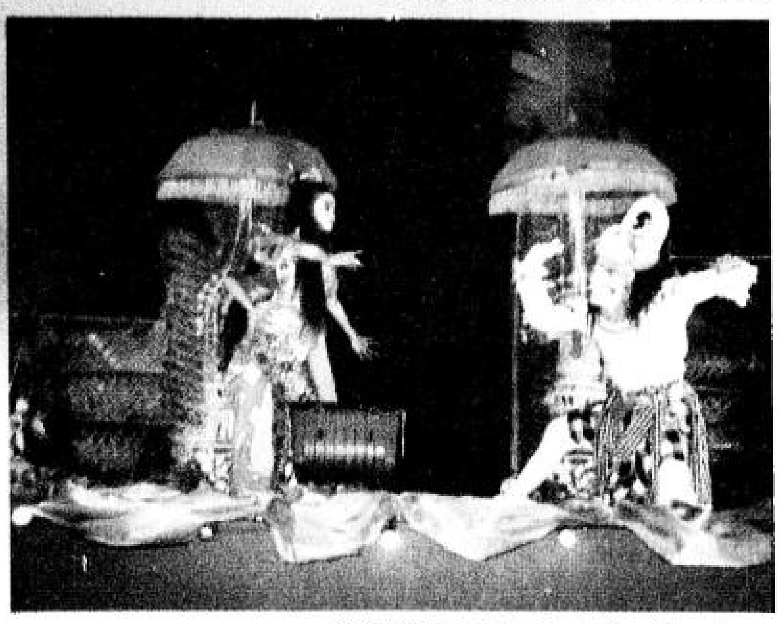


ANCIENT and awesome temple gates (left); battle between good and evil in the Hindu epic "Ramayana"

BEFORE THE BOMB

Blissfully alone in BALI

Text and photos by Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

GRIEVE, grieve for this bloodied paradise.

The next time you come, I told myself, you also must believe that that Bali is waiting for you. I did believe. I stayed on for a few more days. Bravely and blissfully alone. That was last month, before the bomb.

You don't come to Bali just for a brief stopover on your way to East Timor, a war-torn and battle-weary island a few years ago. You don't come to Bali to be confined in a hotel for a three-day conference that consists of talks, debates, plans of action and post-conference discussions about what's wrong with the world. (Little did we know...)

I had decided early on that after the Asean People's Assembly at a beachside hotel in the Sanur area I deserved a few more days in Bali. Alone or un-alone, I would stay on. And so while everybody was heading for home and other Southeast Asian countries, I was heading for Ubud, Bali's must-experience center of art and culture.

Before the conference, I surfed the Internet to assess the Ubud inns and study the routes. I even corresponded via e-mail with the Bali hotels network.

Until the Oct. 12 bomb explosion that tore through Bali and killed almost 200 people and wounded even more, it was one of the world's few spots that could claim being called a dream of an island. Bali is not just sun, sea and sky (which we have plenty of). It is culture and art and a way of life painstakingly preserved and enhanced. An enthralling Hindu enclave in predominantly Muslim Indonesia, Bali is neither Indian nor Javanese. Bali is Balinese.

Bali, you will discover, is single-traveler-friendly. All the information, maps and hotel addresses you could download from the Internet are indeed a great help—hold on to them—but you'd be okay even if you knew little and were simply suddenly stranded there or dropped from the Bali sky.

Traveling alone—that is, going from here to there—is easy. But touring or being a tourist alone requires some creativity and spunk. The faint of heart need not apply. Don't believe that peripatetic backpacking guy of cable TV's "Lonely Planet" when he makes Mongolia look easy. He has an entire crew with him.

But Bali is/was easy.

Ask, ask, ask. The big beach hotel in Sanur where our conference was held had a lot to offer those who wanted to go places after conference hours in the evening. I didn't join those short trips because I was heading for Ubud after the whole conference was over. I arranged early for a hotel-affiliated taxi to take me there. With an English-speaking, honest driver? I asked the desk. Yes, and cheap. Fifty percent cheaper than what was said in the Internet. (Prices in the Internet are useful for comparison.)

Sanur to Ubud is about a 40-minute drive. Monkey Forest Road in Ubud was where I thought I should look for an inn. A conference participant who was there earlier said Ubud Inn was a good one but there were plenty to choose from. This small inn was just fine. I took the fan-cooled room, clean, simple and big, with a veranda overlooking the lush tropical garden. Lotus everywhere. Great pool and free breakfast. Small and cozy, so near the Monkey Forest, many cheap shopping areas just outside, as well as eating places, tour offices, spas and even a meditation center. All for $30 a night.

Choosing a tour package? Get a brochure near the inn's desk, pick the combination of places you want to visit. Is it the mountains, the museums? The temples, the rice terraces? Arts and crafts? Wood and stone carving? Bird watching or batik making?

Balinese dances and the music I've had plenty of some years ago and, again, at the conference venue, so I left them out in Ubud, preferring to soak in the pool in the evening and watch the stars.

I wanted to attend a cremation ceremony ($14) and witness the sacred pageantry but that would have meant giving up a package that included out-of-the-way places ($16 for eight hours). They say, when in Bali, one must experience Ubud. But when you've experienced Ubud, you must see what's outside of it. Many rent mountain bikes and head for the hills and valleys.

Don't miss the museums. The Rudana Museum and the Neka Art Museum have many foreign artists' works, including Filipinos'. Last month Neka Museum had the Hindu epic "Ramayana" as interpreted by artists from different countries. For more than 2,000 years, this story has influenced artists from all over the world and provided a rich source of inspiration for literature, the visual arts, narrative expression, dance and music.

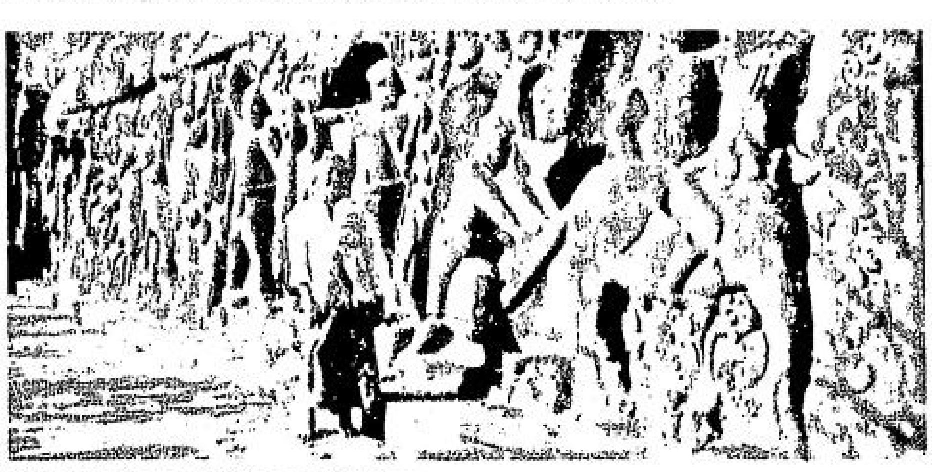
Hanuman, the good monkey in the story, is a popular character in Bali. (Hence the Monkey Forest.) From the museum shop I got myself a repro of "The Birth of Hanuman," which showed a lush enchanted forest that resembled the one in my childhood imagination.

Bali is "Ramayana" country. "Ramayana" is about the eternal battle between good and evil. It is an ancient Indian tale of devotion, separation and reunion. It combines the elements of religion and romance, action and adventure, myth and magic. It is the story of Rama's love for Sita, her abduction by Ravana, king of ogres, and the triumph of good.

I have traveled alone in a good many places and Bali was one place where I felt so safe and so unafraid. Now a bomb has exploded in Bali. Evil is abroad in the land. A modern-day "Ramayana" is now playing in real life.

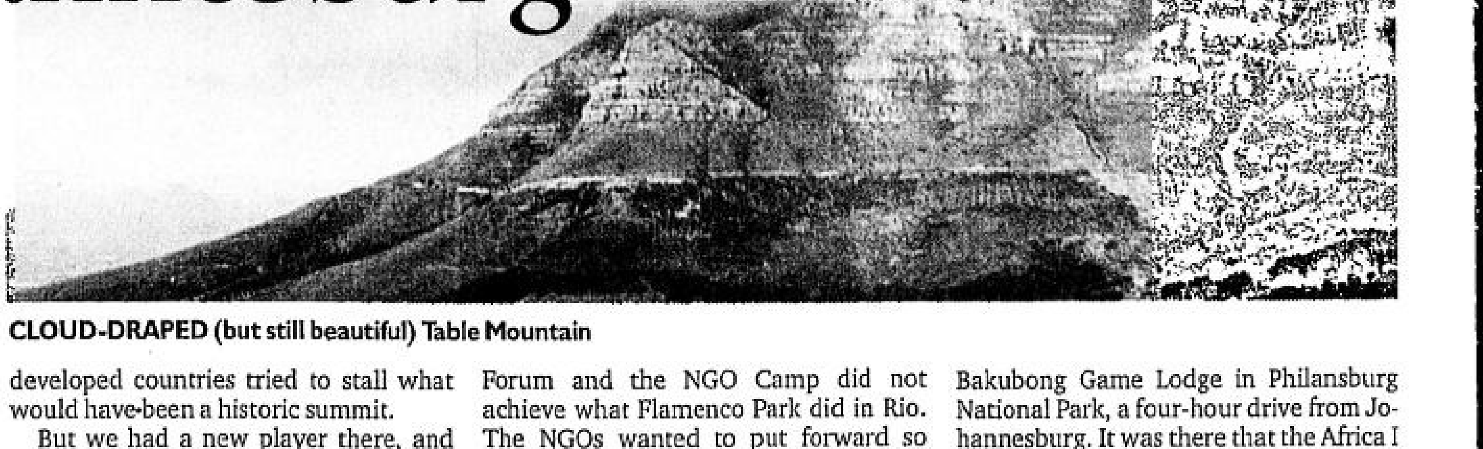
Bali stays easy in the memory of the heart. Weep, weep for this wounded paradise.

ONE of many rice terraces sculpted on the island's landscape



YEH Pulu stone relief in a small village

Interlude in Johannesburg



CLOUD-DRAPED (but still beautiful) Table Mountain

By Antonio M. Claparols
Contributor

AFRICA—home of the Zulu nation, the Xhosa, Sotho, Venda, Pedi peoples, and many wild and endangered species—has always intrigued me.

Its past has always amazed me. The colonization of the continent by the French, English, Germans, Dutch, etc. How Ian Smith's Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) was transformed from the richest country in Africa to the poorest of the poor in just a few years. The Boer wars and apartheid. How Nelson Mandela fought the good fight and won. His imprisonment for 27 years on Robben island (now a World Heritage Site) and his release in 1990.

What happened to the land of plenty, the land of the bushmen, the Kalahari, Mt. Kilimanjaro, Lake Victoria? I was surprised to see that the Africa I knew from books was no more. It has withstood the pressures of time and war, but its environment and people have taken the toll.

But South Africa has fought apartheid and showed the world that people of varying colors and creeds can live together in harmony. This is its message to the world: If we can do it so can you all.

I was at Rio's Earth summit in 1992, when the world was awash in the renewed hope of saving the planet's resources; when, except for the United States, all countries signed the Convention on Biological Diversity; and when nongovernment organizations worked feverishly from Flamenco Park and Hotel Gloria to give their counterparts in government their sentiments and feedback. Things were more direct then; there was more interaction.

The world was happy that there was hope, as embodied in the Earth Charter and the many treaties, as well as the sacred Agenda 21, signed in Rio. The blueprint for sustainable development for the 21st century—that was Rio's legacy.

At the World Summit in Johannesburg (Aug. 26-Sept. 4), things were even more crucial. A failure to come to terms would mean the end of the world in many ways—wars for water and food, destruction of ecosystems as a result of global warming and climate change. We could not afford to lose, and the summit had to come up with declarations and a plan for implementation to save the planet and alleviate the plight of the poor. We needed to ensure access to water, renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, good governance and corporate responsibility.

The earth has gone from bad to worse since Rio, and everyone knew it. The survival of the planet was essential. Yet sadly, many vested-interest groups and developed countries tried to stall what would have been a historic summit.

But we had a new player there, and that was the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) led by Director General Achim Steiner. What a crucial difference the IUCN made, and how proud I was to be part of it.

At the IUCN Environment Center, we attended the launch of the World Parks Congress to be held next year at Durban, South Africa. We could not help but admire Mandela more when he began his speech by saying: "I know why you are here. You all want to see and hear what an old man without a job will say,"

Indeed, it was great to see everyone at the summit—UN Director General Kofi Annan, the head of states, the dignitaries, the delegates, the friends I have made in the environmental movement.

But this time around, the NGO Global Forum and the NGO Camp did not achieve what Flamenco Park did in Rio. The NGOs wanted to put forward so many things to their governments, but why are they not being consulted? Why is Africa so poor that it is forced to receive genetically modified organisms from the United States? When Europe has rejected GMOs on the basis of studies showing that these are bad for human health and the environment?

The occasion was, to me and many others, a test of time, action and commitment, perseverance. After intense negotiations, we were able to formulate a common stand on water, biodiversity, energy, and many other issues. Our schedules were met. Though frankly, to me and many others, they are a little too late.

After the summit we traveled to Cape Town and visited the Carmelite Mission as well as the Table Mountain.

And then we went for a safari at the Bakubong Game Lodge in Philansburg National Park, a four-hour drive from Johannesburg. It was there that the Africa I knew in books came alive before my eyes.

We would rise early and see elephants blocking our way, leisurely eating as though they had all the time in the world. (If they only knew.) We saw rhinos, zebras, monkeys, kudus. We watched a new moon rise as day turned into night.

It was a stirring experience. The wildlife of Africa spoke out in various languages, saying: Help us. We will not be here for long, they continue to kill us.

When Mother Nature calls, let us heed her cry for help. We must act to protect and conserve the earth and all the creatures that live in it—not only for ourselves and our children but also for the generations to come.

The author is president of the Ecological Society of the Philippines and regional councilor of the IUCN.

GIL Portes, director of "Mga Munting Tinig"

DR. Emmanuel Angeles, president and CEO of Angeles University

Education . . .

From page C2

Ricky Santos, director of the Office of Scholarships and Student Assistance of Adamson University, called to say that the OSSA is joining the Education Revolution, Welcome!

They want adoption

On the other side, Rogelio Elofre, president of the Parent-Teacher Community Association of the Ramon Avanceña Public School, told us he was convening his PTCA to seriously consider having the school adopted. We've already sent them the basic documentation and some guidelines.

Estrella S. Vergara, principal of the Tubli Elementary School in Tubli, Caramoran, Cantanduanes, wrote to let us know that they already had a core group composed of their faculty and their PTCA. All they need is a push to get their adoption program going.

What is an adopting entity? An adopting entity is a group of individuals committed to developing, planning and implementing projects and programs aimed at improving and upgrading the adopted school's teaching and harming environments.

The adopting entity acts exactly as a caring foster parent would for the adopted child: by continuously looking after the adopted school's needs and nurturing it, year in and year out.

What is an adoption partner? Organizations that give assistance on a project or program basis are potential adoption partners. For example, they may donate a new ceiling or roof, or a set of chairs, or textbooks, or they may sponsor a nutrition or feeding program.

An adopting entity should try to engage as many adoption partners as possible so that a steady stream of assistance for the adopted school is assured.

Why is there a need for a memorandum of agreement? The MOA defines the extent of involvement of the adopting entity and formalizes its relationship with the adopted school. Being a legal document, the agreement is binding on both parties.

In signing the agreement, the adopting entity commits itself to caring for the adopted school to the best of its ability.

Seeds of the revolution

Even before the FWWPP officially launched the Education Revolution on Oct. 12, people from all over the country had started calling or sending e-mail messages.

Soledad P. de Jesus, principal of the Francisco P. Felix Unit Elementary School in Brgy. San Andres, Cainta, Rizal, wanted to know how to go about setting up a computer library. We answer: please encourage your community to set up an adopting group before anything.

Mayor Joji Ilio of Malinao, Aklan, wanted help in sharpening his teachers' skills in information technology. We immediately referred him to Luli Arroyo's Foundation for Information Technology Education and Development.

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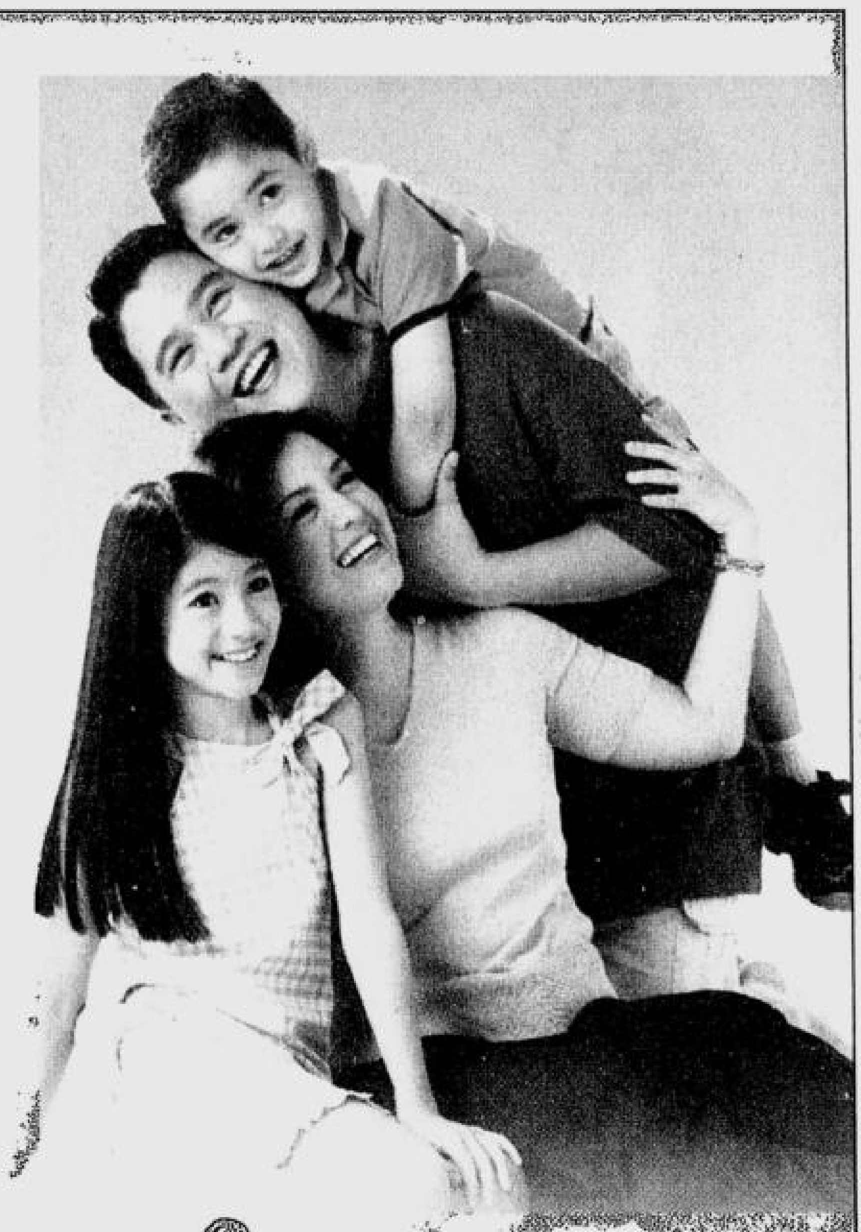

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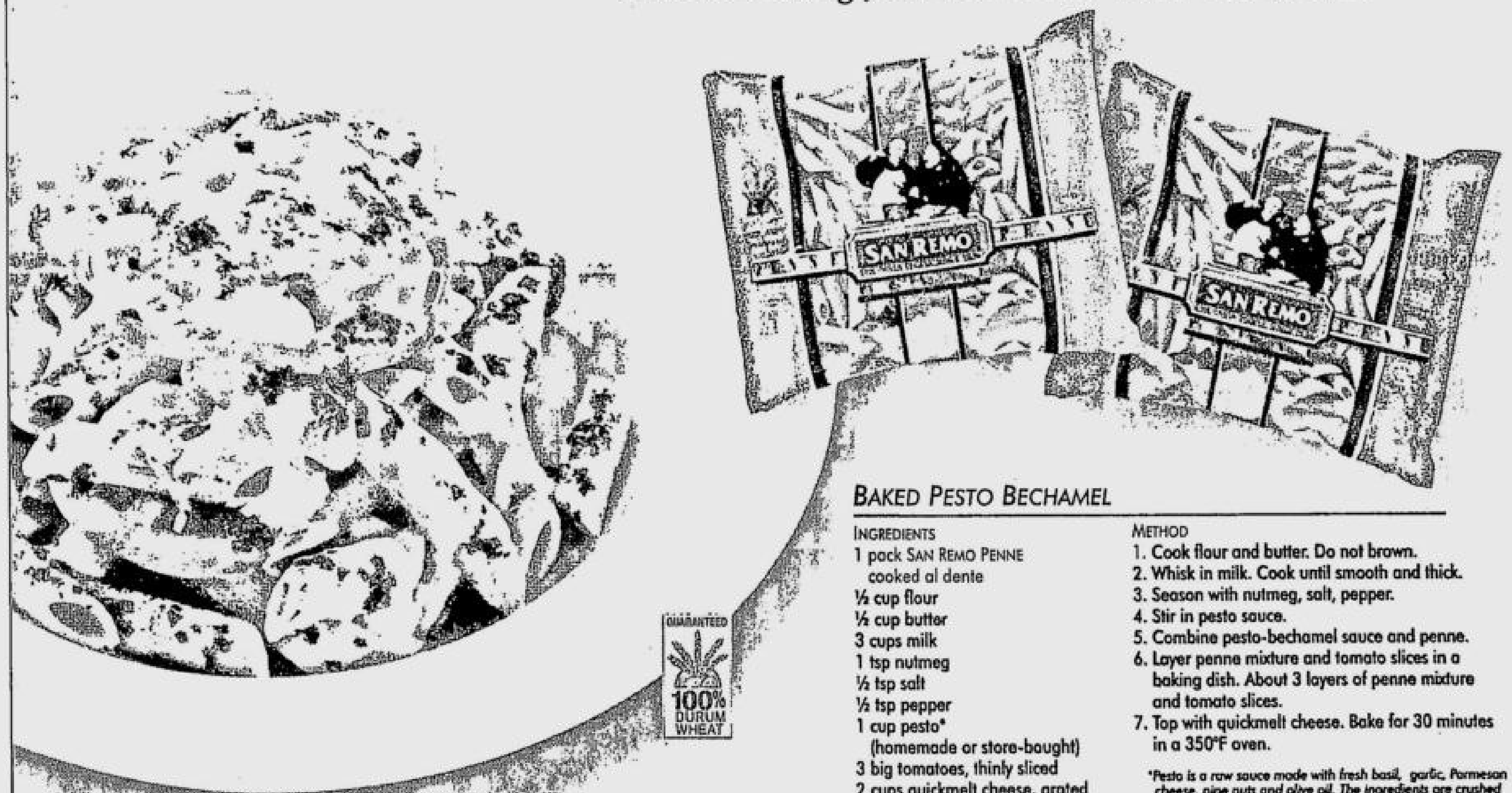

BAKED PESTO BECHAMEL

INGREDIENTS
1 pack SAN REMO PENNE cooked al dente
½ cup flour
½ cup butter
3 cups milk
1 tsp nutmeg
½ tsp salt
½ tsp pepper
1 cup pesto* (homemade or store-bought)
3 big tomatoes, thinly sliced
2 cups quickmelt cheese, grated

METHOD
1. Cook flour and butter. Do not brown.
2. Whisk in milk. Cook until smooth and thick.
3. Season with nutmeg, salt, pepper.
4. Stir in pesto sauce.
5. Combine pesto-bechamel sauce and penne.
6. Layer penne mixture and tomato slices in a baking dish. About 3 layers of penne mixture and tomato slices.
7. Top with quickmelt cheese. Bake for 30 minutes in a 350°F oven.

**Pesto is a raw sauce made with fresh basil, garlic, Parmesan cheese, pine nuts and olive oil. The ingredients are crushed with mortar and pestle or chopped in a food processor.*

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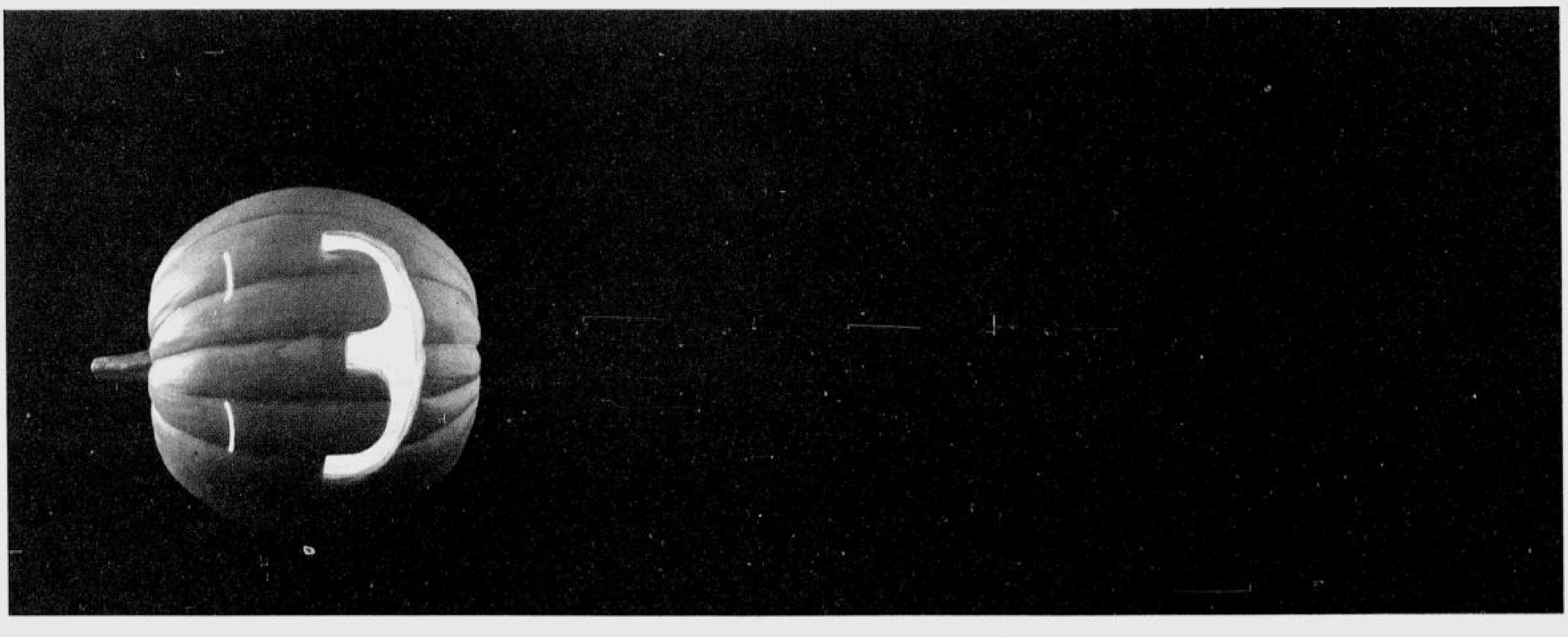

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While they were winning

"THIS is an unforgettable day. I am convinced that God is an Atenean," quipped Rev. Steve Zabala, one of the officiating priests at the wedding of ABS-CBN reporter Jing Castañeda and businessman Nonong Velasco at the Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, Makati City.

Indeed, Castañeda, a former cheer dancer of the Ateneo de Manila University, and Velasco, a member of the Blue Babble Battalion (Ateneo's male cheering squad) felt like true winners on Oct. 5. It was their first day as husband and wife after a year and two months of courtship. That same day, the Ateneo Blue Eagles won the UAAP championship after 14 years.

In fact, as the couple prepared for the wedding, they watched the La Salle-Ateneo game with family and friends at their respective hotel rooms. Velasco, while waiting for his bride, watched the last few minutes of the third and final game on a portable television set brought to the church by a family friend. He was so excited over the Ateneo's victory he forgot to pin the boutonniere to his dark suit

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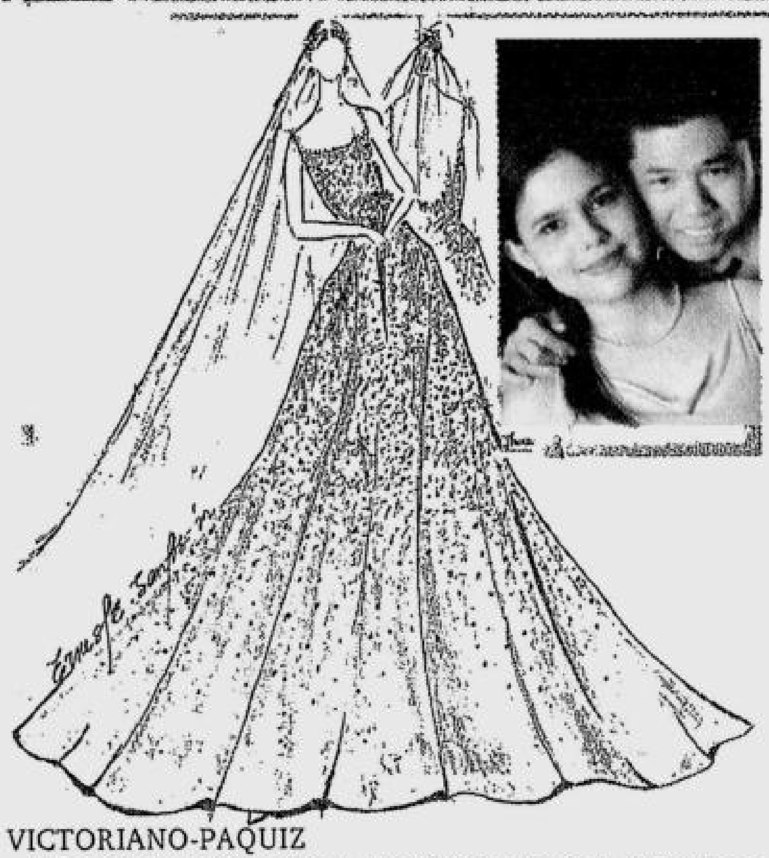


VICTORIANO-PAQUIZ

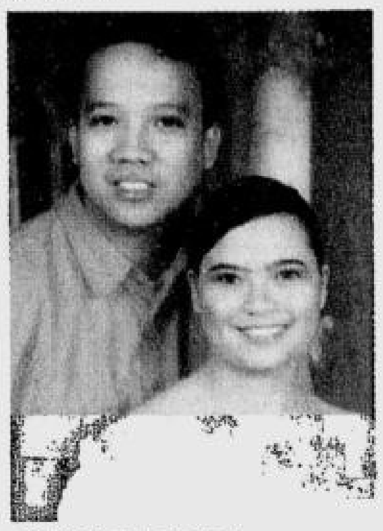
Joseph Steven Victoriano, son of Dr. **Benjamin L. Victoriano**, will wed **Mary Grace Paquiz**, daughter of Capt. and Ms **Ernesto J. Paquiz**, today at the Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills. Reception follows at the Peninsula Manila. **Ernest Santos** did a low-back bridal gown with richly beading of semi-precious gems against a stark white *poie de soie*. A vast veil and baroque pearl-studded purse complete the ensemble.

DESVARRO-EZPELETA

Anthony F. Desvarro, son of **Marlyn F. Desvarro**, wed **Iris P. Ezpeleta**, sales office assistant of PDI-Cubao branch and daughter of Cmdr. **Alzacio L. Ezpeleta**, PN (Ret.) and **Elisea P. Ezpeleta**, on Oct. 19 at St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Susana Parish Church, Commerce Avenue, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa. Reception follows at Max's Restaurant in Alabang Town Center, Muntinlupa.

DE GUZMAN-BLANCO

Anna Katrina B. Blanco, only daughter of **Manuel** and **Fanny Blanco**, will wed **Leonard Benjamin R. de Guzman**, son of **Eriberto** and **Cynthia de Guzman**, on Nov. 28 at the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City. The bride will wear an elegant beaded gown designed by **Rajo Laurel**. Brides Maids and Co. is the wedding coordinator.

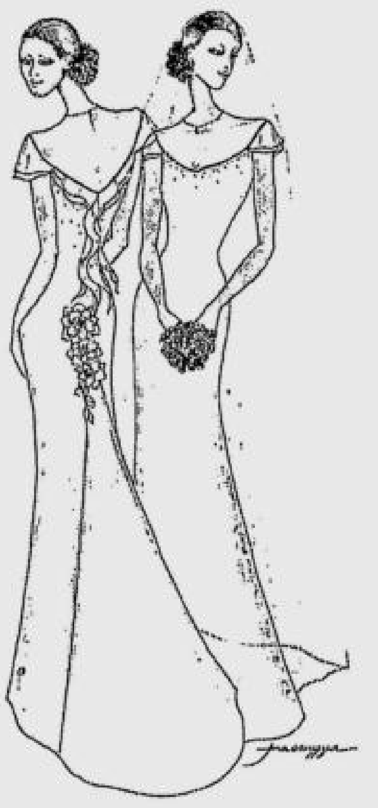


UMUSIG-ASPERA

Rheinan S. Umusig, son of Mr. and Ms **Reynaldo A. Umusig**, and **Joann Aspera**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Arturo V. Aspera Sr.**, will exchange marriage vows on Oct. 26, 3:30 p.m., at the Sta. Ana Church, Davao City. Reception will follow at Regency Inn Grand Ballroom, Villa Abrille Street, Davao City. **Tata S. Soriano** of Heavens Gift is the wedding coordinator and concept stylist.

AMBURGEY-ANTE

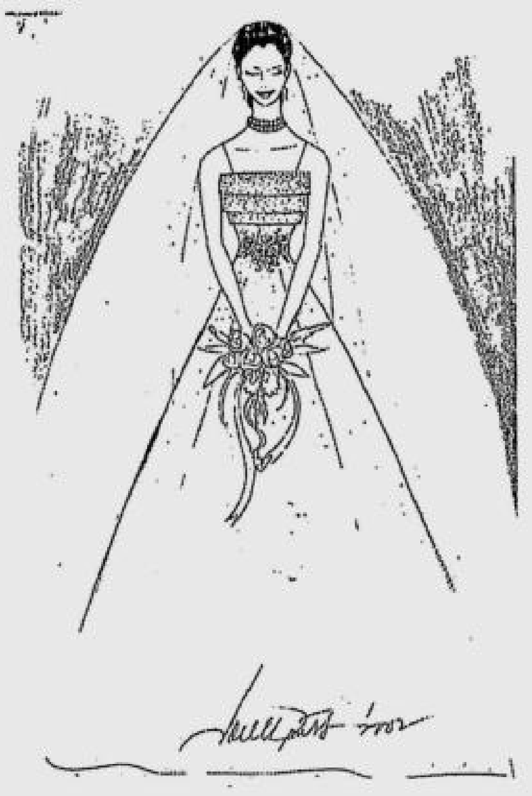
Lt. Col. **Keith Amburgey** and Lt. Col. **Mary Ann Ante** were married on Aug. 20 in Louisville, Kentucky, US. The bride is the daughter of Dr. **Jose P. Ante** of Legazpi City and Dr. **Gloria Licup-Ante** of Pampanga.



VICTORIANO-CANLAS

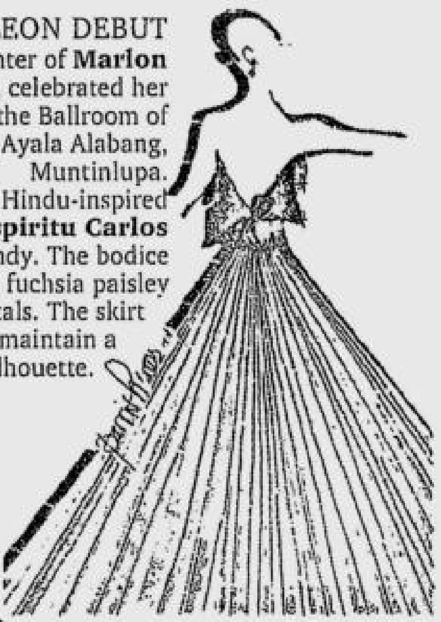
Gladys Bloom Canlas, daughter of **Flordeliza Canlas**, and **Marvin Victoriano**, son of **Antonio** and **Minda Victoriano**, will tie the knot on Oct. 27 at the Dapo Restaurant and Bar.

The bride will wear a sheath dress with fishtail in Picasso crêpe accented on the shoulder with circular ruffles in chiffon that extend to the back. The godet is adorned with faux roses and buds. Canlas will also wear a long veil in soft illusion tulle. Her gown was designed by **Jay Masangya**.



GIMENO-SANCIO

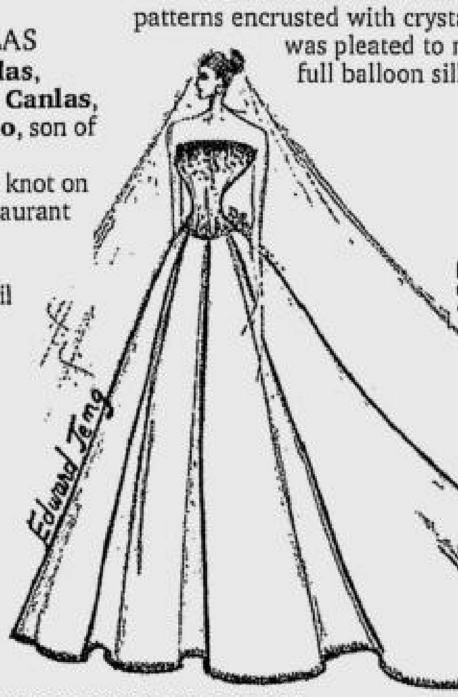
Dr. **Mary Jane Sancio**, daughter of **Morita Delicana vda. de Sancio**, will tie the knot with **Ting Gimeno**, son of Mr. and Ms **Santos Gimeno**, on Oct. 28 at the San Agustin Church in Iloilo. The bride will wear a princess cut gown by **Joel Bautista** in piña silk embellished with cut crystal beads, faux pearls and Swarovski crystals. Reception follows at the ballroom of Hotel del Rio.



DE LEON DEBUT

Avegale de Leon, daughter of **Marlon** and **Elizabeth Espiritu**, celebrated her 18th birthday on Oct. 19 at the Ballroom of Alabang Country Club, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa.

The debutante wore a Hindu-inspired ballgown by **Parrish Espiritu Carlos** made of turquoise silk organdy. The bodice was embroidered with fuchsia paisley patterns encrusted with crystals. The skirt was pleated to maintain a full balloon silhouette.



FILOMENO-CAMILON

Boy Blue Filomena and **Caroline Camilon** will tie the knot on Oct. 26 at the Immaculate Conception Parish. The bride will wear a duchess satin gown with accents of crystal glass beads and Swarovski designed by **Edward Teng.**

Special PROJECT

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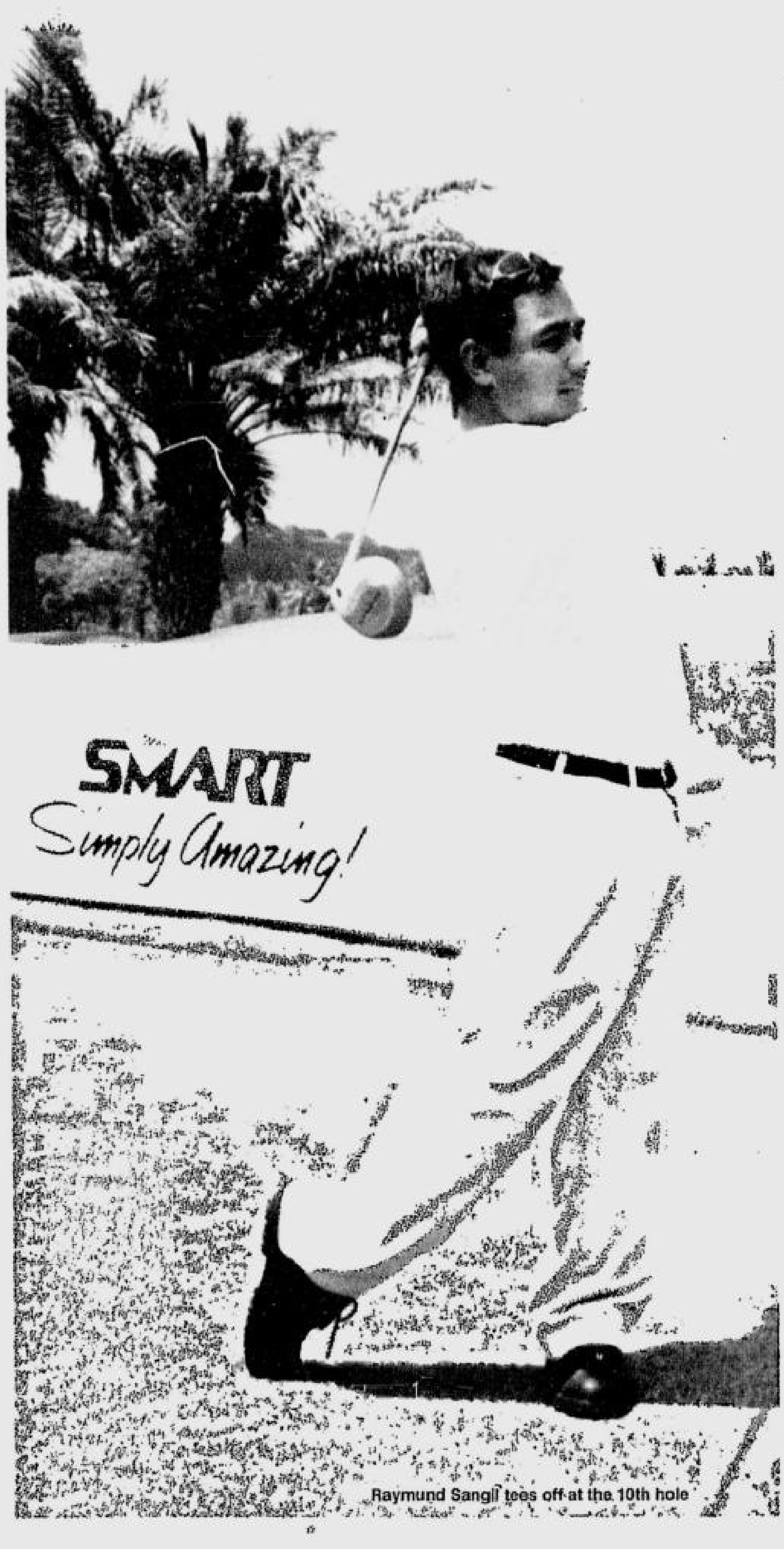
It takes something as prestigious as the 2002 Southwoods Invitational of which SMART was a major sponsor to generate an atmosphere as scintillating as that of the PGA tours in foreign shores. So with the gentle morning sun adding a subtle touch of gold to the glorious Southwoods green, the setting for the ninth annual Southwoods Invitational was nothing short of world-class.

This 36 hole, two-man team tournament composed of a Manila Southwoods member and a guest was divided into four groups—based on the handicaps of the members. Early bird golf enthusiasts arrived in droves and were welcomed to the Club with what can only be described as a champagne breakfast fit for royalty. A cheerful morning buzz filled the Club's veranda as both members and their guests feasted on a hearty breakfast buffet while others huddled around the impressive SMART Gold booth. On display was a variety of high-end celfones on offer along with a selection of SMART postpaid plans to suit any wallet's handicap. Small wonder SMART had no problems swinging in new activations to add to its boundless number of existing subscribers.

On the green, the teams were in their element as they swung, chipped and putted their way through the 2 challenging courses: The Legends Course and the more demanding Masters Course. All of the 350 male and female participants showcased their unequivocal golfing prowess, but as in all great contests, there could only be one winner. And the 2002 Southwoods Invitational title went to the team of Mr. Gil Domingo and Mr. Antonio Abad.

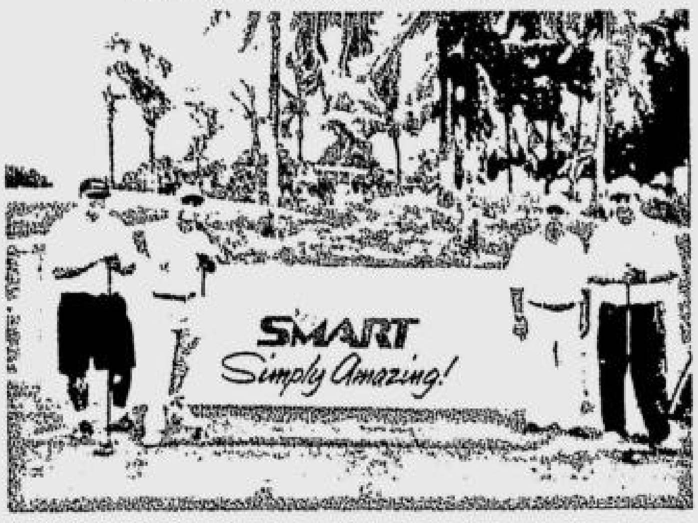
But as this weekend of golfing debauchery came to an end, it was clear on the faces of all who competed that everyone emerged victorious. The revitalizing Southwoods air and true sporting camaraderie proved to be a winning combination for yet another memorable episode in this tournament's nine-year history. And judging from this show of love for the game, this event can only go from strength to strength each year.



Raymund Sangil tees off at the 10th hole

Waiting for a hearty breakfast before hitting the green

Architect Meloy Casas and Engineer Jose Sy



Tournament players wait their turn to tee off

The Smart Gold booth

Escriva canonization shows need to be holy is universal

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

IF the presence of half a million people in St. Peter's Square (as estimated by the Italian press) during the canonization of Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer was any indication, the need to be holy has become universal. People from 84 countries who came to Rome for this event have responded to the message of St. Escriva that we can be saints wherever we are. He founded Opus Dei on Oct. 2, 1928 in Madrid to spread this good news.

On the day of his elevation to the altars of the saints on Oct. 6 at 10 a.m., 500,000 people came to pray and witness this momentous event. My fellow pilgrims and I, organized by the World's Wonders, were part of the huge crowd that stretched out from the altar to Via Conzolazione, filling up every space, sitting on makeshift chairs or patiently standing body to body.

I was blessed to have had a good seat shown to me by Filipino volunteers Rosemarie Ramos and Jacks Saez, who came with 14 other girls from Manila to act as usherettes.

Much later, UP students Mark Arabaca and Lubert Roxas walked with me blocks away to the Opus Dei press center where other journalists were typing their stories to be sent to their respective countries, mostly Spanish-speaking ones. Eighty young men from Manila flew to Rome to act as volunteers.

'The saint of the ordinary'

In his homily delivered in Spanish, Pope John Paul II called Escriva the "saint of the ordinary." The Pope said: "Escriva de Balaguer was a saint of great humanity. All those who dealt with him, of whatever level of education or social condition, felt him to be a father, totally dedicated to the service of the others, because he was convinced that each soul is a marvelous treasure; in fact, each person is worth all the Blood of Christ.

"This attitude of service is plain to see in his dedication to priestly ministry and in the magnanimity with which he pushed ahead so many works of evangelization and of human development to help the poorest.

"The Lord made him understand deeply the gift of our divine filiation. Blessed Josemaria taught how to contemplate the tender face of a Father in God, who speaks to us through the most varied vicissitudes of life. A Father who loves us, who follows us step by step and protects us, understands us and waits for a response of love from each one of us.

"The consideration of this paternal presence, which accompanies him everywhere, gives the Christian an unshakable confidence; at every moment he should confide in the Heavenly Father. He never feels alone, nor is he afraid. In the Cross, when it appears, he does not see a punishment but rather a mission entrusted by the Lord Himself. The Christian is necessarily optimistic, because he is a son of God in Christ."

Answering God's call

I met 34-year-old Charles Manuel, a consultant of Unison Computers, at the Opus Dei Center in Rome. He helped send my story to PDI. Charles came to Rome for the first time, and what better time than the canonization of St. Josemaria. A supernumerary, Charles responded to God's call years ago when, after a difficult period in his life, his prayers were answered.

He goes to Mass every day and conscientiously does the disciplines of a member of Opus Dei. He doesn't see himself living any other way.

More men and women are going through a life of prayer as they search for God filling up the vacuum of emptiness that they feel in the course of their life and work.

Looking for Christ

Eighty-four years ago, Josemaria Escriva told people in 1928 that they, too, could be saints where they were.

Bishop Javier Echevarria, prolate of Opus Dei, echoed in his homily last Oct. 7 in St. Peter's Square the saint's call: "One must look for Christ, find Him and love Him." The Pope said, "In every moment—as the new saint was already saying in the 1930s (cfr. "The Way," n. 382)—one must look for Christ, find him and love Him. Only if we strive daily to take these three steps will we arrive at full identification with Christ, becoming alter Christus, ipse Christus. Perhaps you will say—I address these words of St. Josemaria to you now—that you are still at the first step. Look for him, then, with hunger. If you make this effort, I can guarantee that you have already found him and that you have begun to deal with him and love him, to hold your conversation in Heaven (cf Phils. 3:20)."

The gate of heaven

It is said that the Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel in Monte S. Angelo in Foggia, Italy, is the "gate of heaven." It is here where St. Michael appeared to a farmer who was tending to his bulls one day. The bull got lost and the farmer found him at the gate of a cave. When he tried to bring out his bull by shooting arrows at it, the arrows would fly back to him.

St. Michael appeared and told him that the cave was holy ground and that it was the "gate of heaven." The bishop concentrated the place and built a basilica around it.

My fellow pilgrims and I were able to visit the sacred place on Oct. 5, on our way to Rome. With me were Annie Lukban, tour leader; Sol Tangatue, Evelyn Santos, Chit de Leon, Thelma Siao, her mother Natividad Lim, sister Loly Yaplito, Evelyn Santiago and daughter Gloria Dula, Dr. Rosalina Almario, Zena Dy and Zeny Victoriano.

My first attempt at going was on Nov. 5, 1995 with my friends Leo Limpo (who passed away on Feb. 6, 1996), Dingdong Bautista, Noel Hermogeno, Jun Regalado, Ethel Hans and her daughter Susan. A terrible storm made us go back while still on the highway. It was Leo's ultimate dream to be able to see the shrine of St. Michael. So I was crying for Leo during the Mass that was celebrated by Bicolano priest Fr. Jess Marano, who is now assigned to a parish in Italy.

Father Jess said the Mass in Italian, but spoke in English in some parts of the Mass. The cave has been transformed into an altar with lots of space for Mass-goers. A church was built around the mountain. It felt good to be there.

THE AUTHOR in St. Peter's Square on the canonization of St. Josemaria Escriva

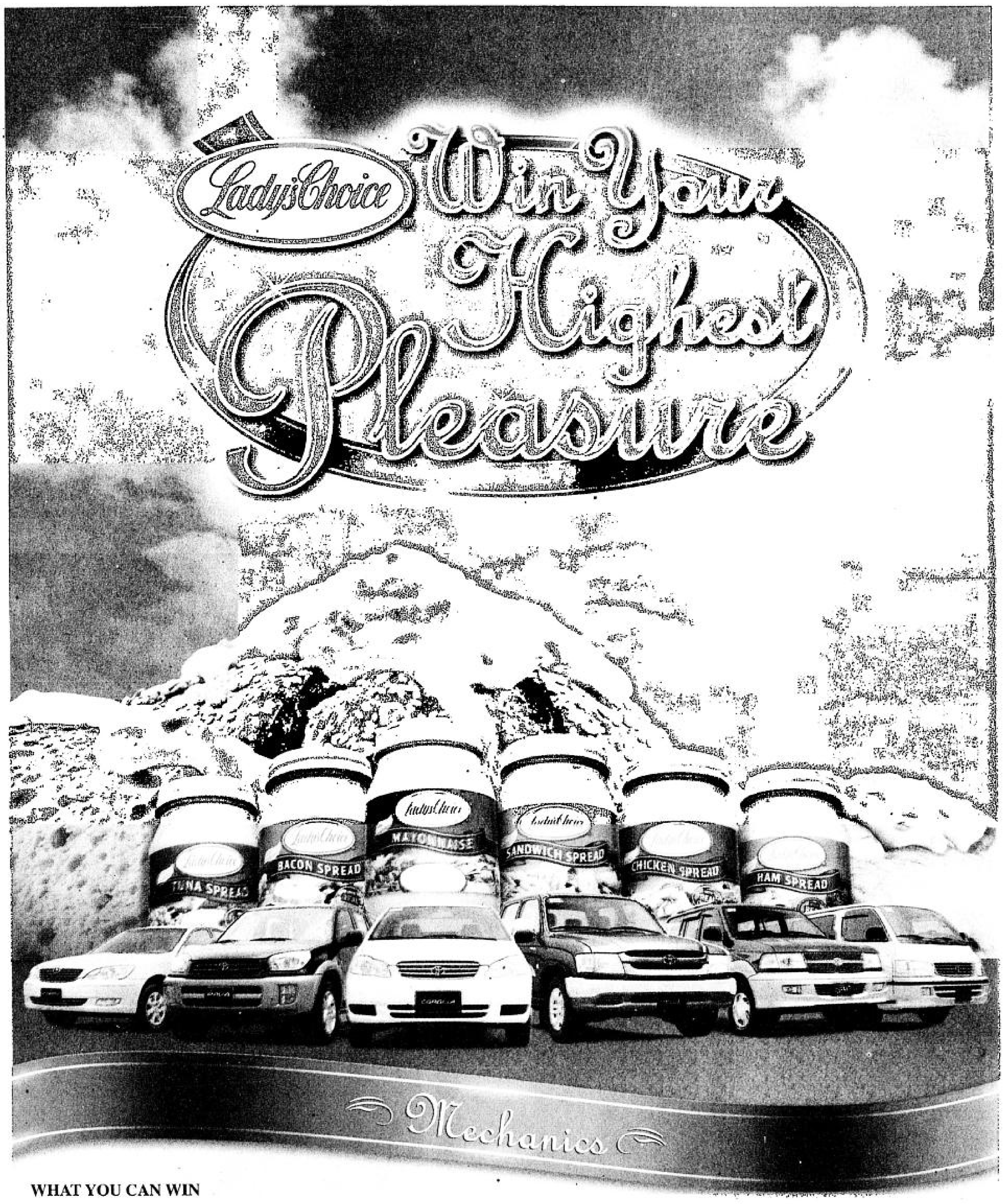
A St. Joseph image for Poor Clares

When we visited the Basilica of St. Clare of Assisi on Oct. 3, I prayed to the saint, asking her to help me donate a 3-ft image of St. Joseph to the Poor Clares in Aritao, Nueva Viscaya. Those who wish to help can beep me at 141-020543. Thank you for your kindness.

October is COPD prevention month

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) ranks as the seventh most common cause of death in the Philippines. The Philippine College of Chest Physicians have mobilized all their resources to place October as COPD Prevention Month with approval from President Macapagal-Arroyo. Media information and training seminars are being held in hospitals. For details, call 924-9204.

FR. Jess Maraño (back) with pilgrims Thelma Siao, Evelyn Santiago, Natividad Luis, Loly Yaplito, Sol Tangatue (front), Chit de Leon, Dr. Almario, Zeny Victorino and Gloria Dula (back)



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- At the back of the envelope write your name, address, contact numbers, signature, outlet where the products were bought **PLUS** the enclosed sachet variant (example: Mayonnaise).

Any Lady's Choice labels and sachets will be accepted (Mayonnaise, Sandwich Spread, Chicken Spread, Ham Spread, Tuna Spread, Bacon Spread)

6. Drop your entries in designated drop centers, GMA network stations, LBC outlets or send to Creative Pro+ (675 Boni Avenue, Mandaluyong City.)

HOW AND WHERE TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

7. Winners shall be notified via mail.
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9. To claim prize, winners must present original copy of notification and 2 identification documents with photo (e.g. passport, driver's license, company or school ID).
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While they were winning

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by Rajo Laurel.

Castañeda looked cool and composed as she walked down the aisle, as the Philippine Madrigal Singers sang. She wore a fully beaded *piña* gown by Sari-Sari's Emer Lagrosa and Michelle Lim. Her eight-meter train was originally done by Slim's for her mother Rose's own wedding in 1968.

The *ninongs* included House Speaker Jose de Venecia, lawyer Ricardo "Dong" Puno, Emmanuel Pimentel, Jesus Maderazo, Dr. Alexander Wong, Teodoro Ebarvia, Dr. Alejandro Paves, Jaunito Rosales, Dr. Virgilio Velasco, Ernest Castañeda and Federico Gutierrez. *Ninangs* were Evelyn Fuentebella, Virginia Davide, Georgina "Gina" de Venecia, Ma. Azucena "Manay Ichu" Maceda, Asuncion Ampil, Lolita Sy, Anita Panes, Aurora Arnaez, Elena Fernandez, Elaine Lim and Crecencia Bungcayao.

Speaker De Venecia left for a meeting in Malacañang after the wedding but returned for the reception. The bride worked for then Rep. De Venecia after she got her AB Communication degree from Ateneo.

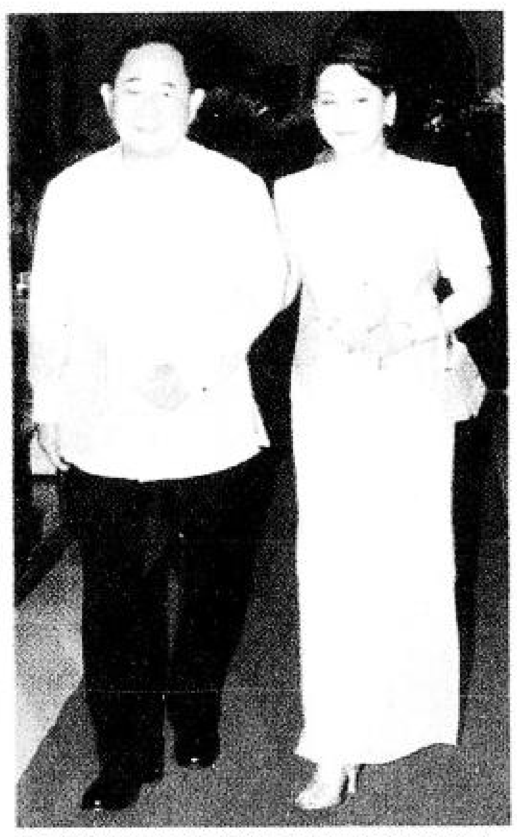
As a result of Ateneo's victory, the reception at the Hotel Intercontinental ballroom became a double celebration. The couple entered the party to the tune of the Ateneo Cheer and "Blue Eagle, the King." Some of the guests missed the church ceremony so they could watch the entire final game on TV or at the Araneta Coliseum. They proceeded to the reception straight away after the game.

A three-layer white wedding cake with blue trimmings, a gift from Red Ribbon's Ricky and Beck Mercado, was at center stage.

Guests included some 400 relatives, friends from Ateneo, St. Theresa's, Ayala Life, Novelco (Velasco's own company that distributes high quality oil for industrial use), ABS-CBN News and Public Affairs staff, Cefam's Rev. Fr. Mariano Ranera and Rev. Fr. Ruben Tanseco, S.J., who were both officiating priests at the wedding, and Supreme Court Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr.

WITH THE GROOM'S parents, Manny and Rosie Velasco

WITH THE BRIDE'S parents, Emy and Rose Castañeda



PRINCIPAL sponsors Speaker Jose de Venecia and Rep. Lorna Silverio

Castañeda's colleagues at ABS-CBN News presented a special video that traced the couple's love story, from the friendship that started in 1994 to the unexpected proposal in front of the Ateneo's Church of the Gesu late last year. Little-known facts about the couple were divulged by the bride's parents, Emy and Rose Castañeda, and the groom's parents, Dean Manny Velasco of the Ateneo School of Management and Rosie Velasco.

James Lim, president of the Liga ng mga Barangay, had a unique gift for the newlyweds—stand-up comedians. Renee Facula was a funnier, albeit thinner, version of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, while Izel Sarangelo impersonated the irrepressible Kris Aquino.

Guests toasted the newlyweds with blue vodka as they watched a hastily-edited and highly-enjoyable music video of the day's proceedings by videographer Benjou Eljincolin.

The following day, Oct. 6, the couple went to the Ateneo campus for more photographs by Ariel Javelosa.

A few days later, the new Mr. and Ms Velasco flew to Europe for a three-week honeymoon, with a stopover at Lourdes to thank the Virgin Mother for the blessings they have received. Both Castañeda and Velasco are devotees of Mother Mary, which is why the wedding was held in October, the month of the Holy Rosary, and its motif was blue.

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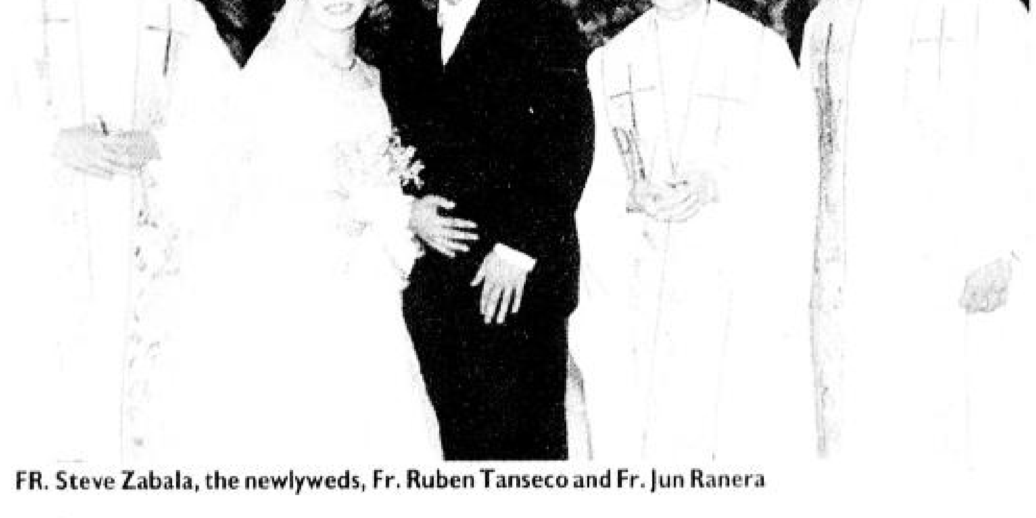
MAISA Ocampo-Castañeda, Jigs Castañeda, the bride's mother, the newlyweds, the bride's father, Jong and Jonji Castañeda



FR. Steve Zabala, the newlyweds, Fr. Ruben Tanseco and Fr. Jun Ranera

NICHOLAS Pacaña and Greg Aaron

PETITE Garcia, Fe Sala Villarica and Gener Caringal

LOT-LOT Neri and Max Suico collaborated in the book "Dance Is Life."

JUNJO Ferreros and Mary Abad have cameo roles in "The Little Mermaid."

'Little Mermaid' ballet premieres in Cebu

CEBU CEBU

Jaime Picornell

NOT a week passes by without a major artistic event organized by the Arts Council of Cebu.

The latest council offering was the world premiere of the ballet "The Little Mermaid," jointly presented by Fe Sala Villarica's Balletcenter and the Festival Ballet of Georgia (United States). Choreography was by Greg Aaron (Act I) and Nicholas Pacaña (Act II).

The ballet was presented at the Theater for the Performing Arts in Ayala Center (Sept. 20-21), Theater One of SM City Cebu (Sept. 27-28) and the Luce Auditorium in Silliman University, Dumaguete City (Oct. 5-6).

Both Greg and Nick run the Festival Ballet. They took a few months off from the ballet company for this ambitious project that involved more than 100 dancers, elaborate costumes and dazzling backdrops.

Nick is Cebu-born, so this was a wonderful opportunity to touch base with Fe, his first mentor, and all the rest of his old gang. For Greg, Cebu has become a second home, and he seriously thinks of moving here.

Greg and Nick had the lead roles in the production—Greg as the King of the Sea, and Nick as the Prince. The Little Mermaid, Ariel, was alternately played by Sheila Lendio and Melonie Patalinghug.

The best dancers from the Queen City Chamber Ballet Company had key roles: Mariejan Pestaño and Thea Pala alternated as Queen of the Sea; Carmel Cabaero, Ursula the Sea Witch; and Katrina Cortes, Ursula's daughter Ariadne.

An executive committee, which saw to it that the event was a success, was chaired by Fe Villarica and Vivina Chiu Yrastorza, with members Marissa Fernan, Candice Gotianuy and Silvia "Bunny" Ludo. They received full support from Arts Council president Petite Garcia, who also joined the trip to Dumaguete with Chinggay Utzurrum.

Think of the logistics involved, with everyone wanting to embark on the trip of a lifetime—dancers, parents, friends.

Book launching

To coincide with the performances, Balletcenter launched the book "Dance Is Life" at the ballroom of the Cebu City Marriott Hotel.

The book is about Balletcenter's first 50 years since it was founded by Fe Villarica, with the support of her husband Herme and all their children—Nanette, Rene, Maia, Karen and Gia.

Only 200 copies of the book have been printed. Max Suico, assisted by Lot-Lot Neri, has done a magnificent job of editing it. For two (or was it three?) years, he went through Balletcenter's archives—the clippings and albums. The book has a lot of photos, many of them in full color.

Guest of honor during the book launching was Gener Caringal of the executive committee on dance of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts. Two little ballerinas, Tiffany Neri and Megan Chan, assisted him.

Petite Garcia, in a brief but eloquent message, said the book traced the history of dance—classical dance—in Southern Philippines, with Balletcenter being the most inspiring force for the development of dance in the region.

Greg and Nick have since returned to Georgia. Before they left, there had been a send-off dinner at the Casino Español de Cebu, organized by Fe, Vivina, Marissa, Candice and Bunny, where the guest dancers were given citations.

Countless photos were taken, and there was much laughter and fun that some people remained chatting and giggling till way past midnight.

Same time next year

Same time next year, waved Nick and Greg as they nimbly pranced down the polished staircase.

They are already planning to be back in July 2003 to start rehearsals for their next project—"Cinderella." Now they have to choose the music, develop the choreography, sketch the costume designs and visualize the backdrops.

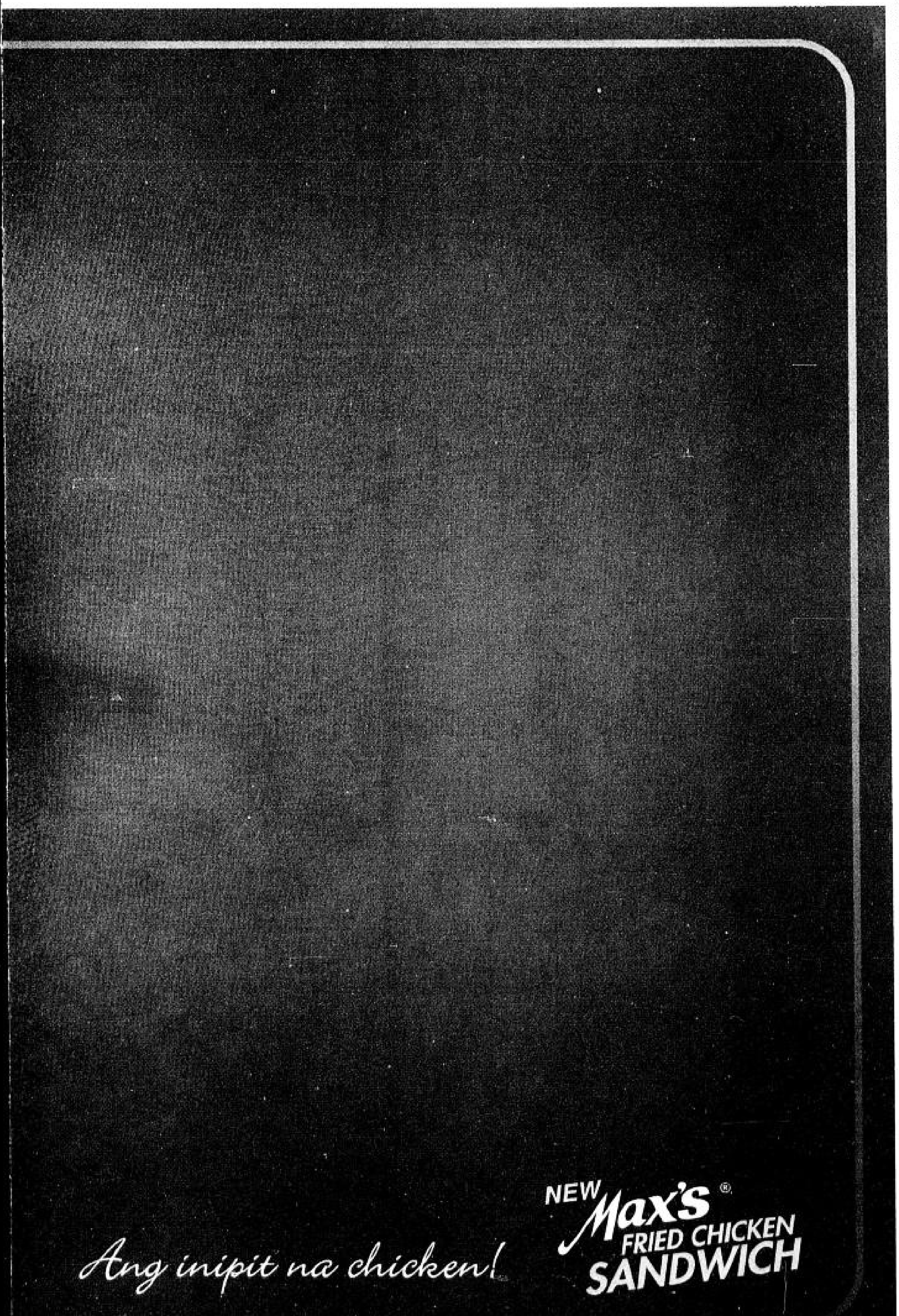
Hard work? Yes, but when you do what you do best, it's a lark.

For the Arts Council, 2003 will be filled with more quality performances.

On Jan. 11, an internationally acclaimed musical trio from Israel will perform. Details of this will be discussed with Ambassador Irit Ben Abba, who is expected in Cebu on Nov. 4 to launch a weeklong Israeli food festival at the Marriott. (She was here last week when the Arts Council presented a highly successful Israeli film festival at Ayala Center.)

On Feb. 18, the New Zealand Embassy will send soprano Judy Bellingham and pianist Terence Dennis to Cebu. The repertoire is a dream.

HERME Villarica



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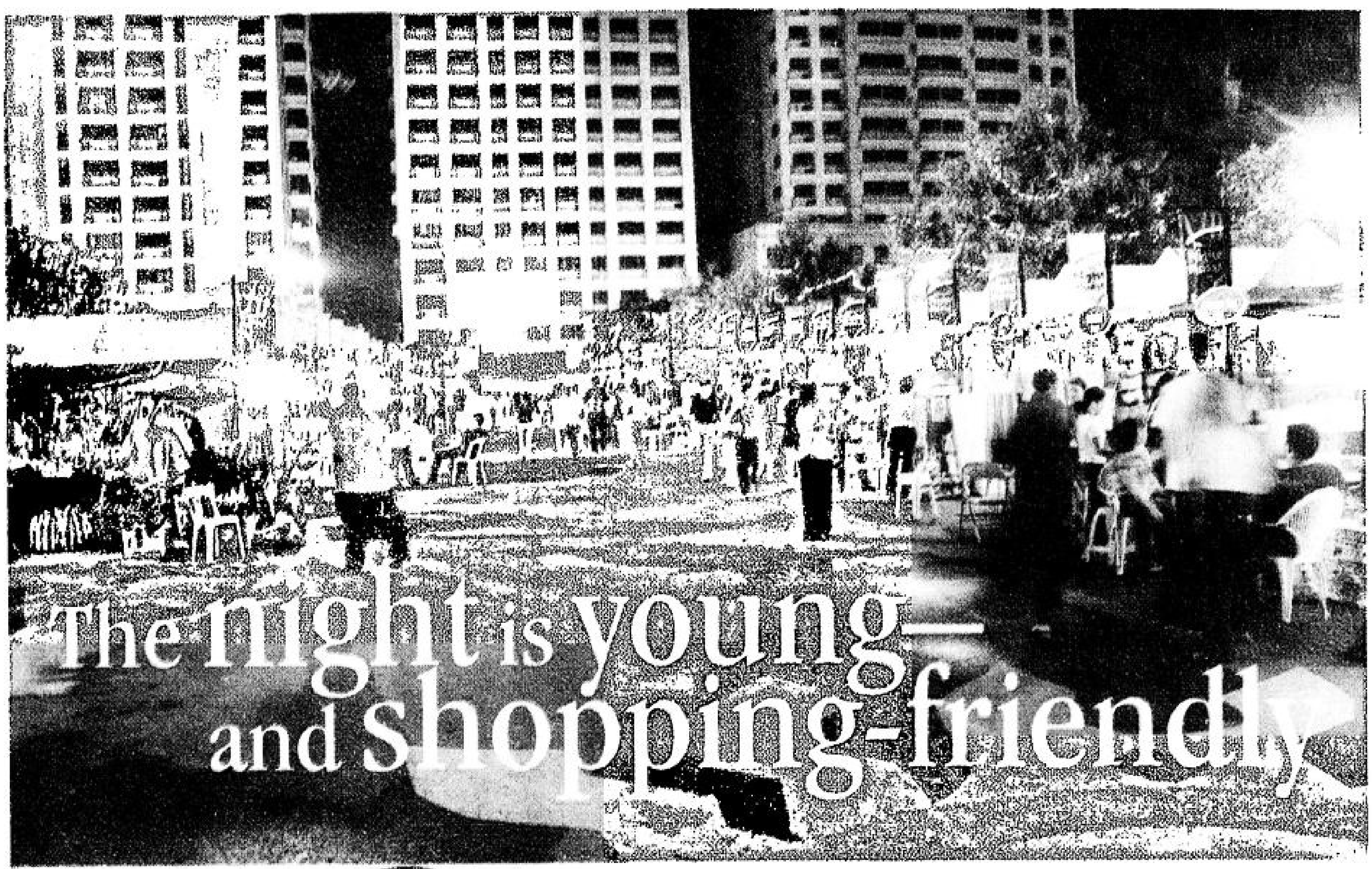

The night is young— and shopping-friendly

Eastwood City's Night Market holds surprises for night owls and inveterate shoppers

CHINESE lacquer jewelry boxes

Text by Cathy Babao Guballa
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

BAGS from Cambodia

BAGS, bears and butterflies abound in Eastwood City's Night Market, which officially opened last Oct. 16.

Located within a portion of the vast Eastwood City complex in the Libis C-5 area, some 150 stalls will be offering various gift items, clothing and accessories for children, men and women.

"Dining and shopping really make ideal partners," says Charlene Nocom, Eastwood City's communications director. "And you can find both here starting now."

Thus, after having your fill at any one of Eastwood City's dining places, you can walk the calories off by browsing through the items that are available for sale. Consumer-friendly, the aisles at this night market are wide and the stalls are clearly identified by name and

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33 Driven novelist?
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43 Art deco designer
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45 Rush
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48 Big man on campus
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53 Driven humorist?
56 Shorten a skirt
58 Aquatic mammal
60 Trattoria treat
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37 Legendary Colt Johnny
38 Have a ball at the mall
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40 Some wines
41 Singing syllable
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51 Tall story?
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55 "Cheers" patron
57 Jazzman Davis
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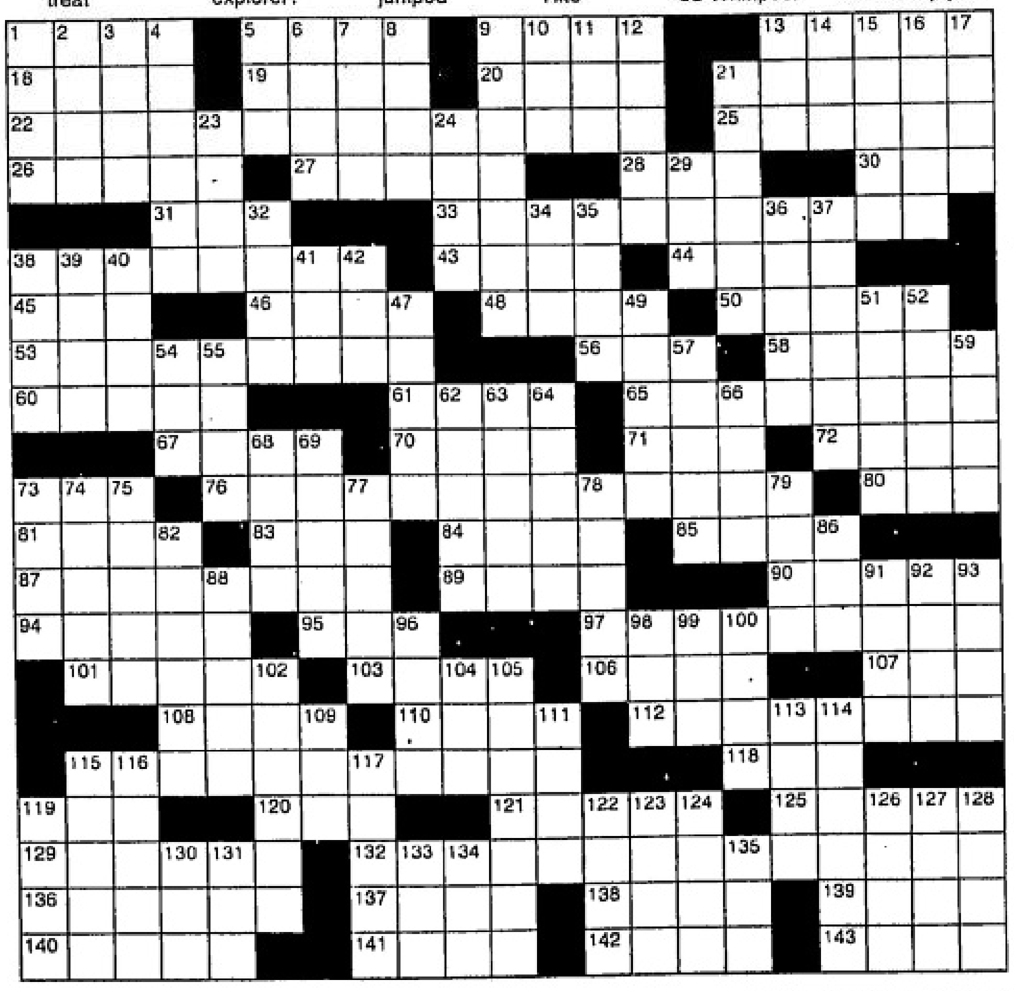

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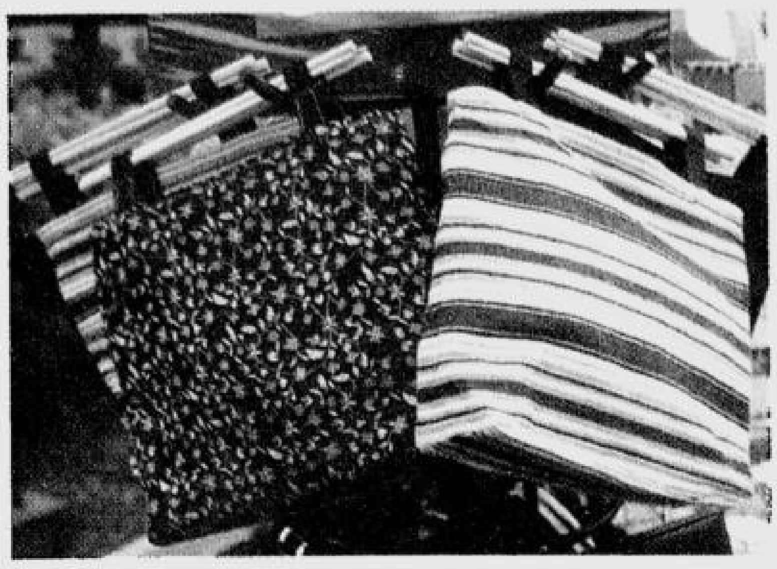

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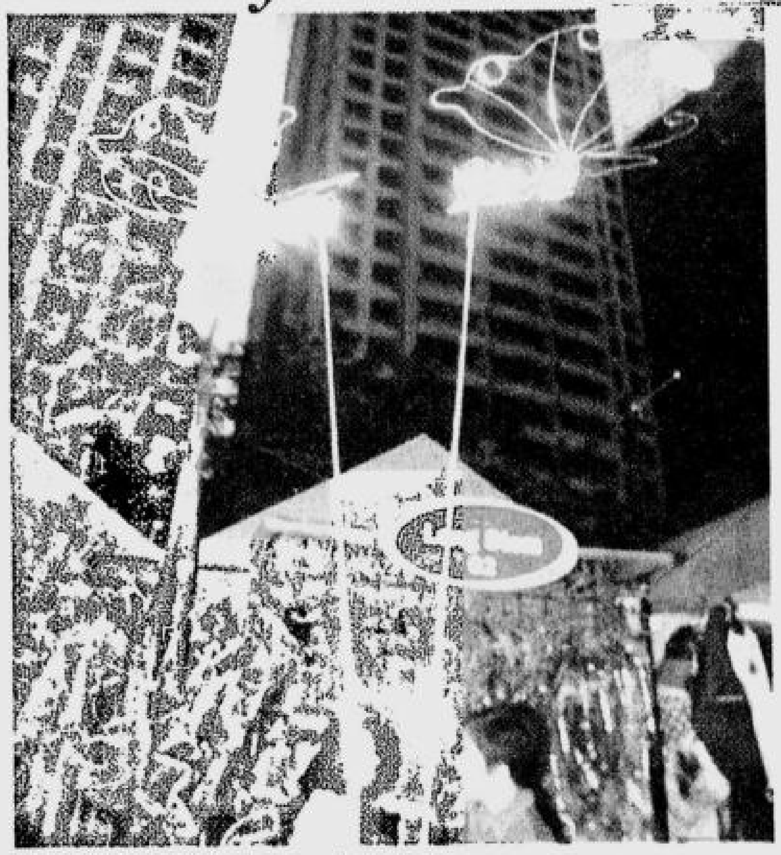

BUTTERFLIES for your garden

BEAR paraphernalia

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stall number.

If you like something in one stall, but want to check out the other items in another cluster, it is easy to go back to that particular stall since they are arranged in a systematic order.

Close to the entrance is Justin's Treasures (Stall F23), which has a wide collection of Asian home accessories. Right beside it is a store called Mamiden (F21), which has candles in every shape, color and scent.

Walk further down, and the last store on the left side of the aisle, Angelo's (F1), has stylish, functional and reasonably priced bags. A few meters down is Zak and Lei (G10), home of casual and trendy bags for young women. Down the road is Long Stem (G2), which has pretty butterfly decorations for your garden, home or Christmas tree.

Across the road from Long Stem is a stall often filled with women of various shapes and sizes, trying on a wide collection of sundresses. Around the corner is MacMac Enterprises (C5), which sells colorful cotton shirts and leggings for little girls. Close to it is C Square (C10), which has elegant and very reasonably priced evening bags.

Across from it is Bear Essence (B14), which sells sleepwear for boys and girls with various cartoon characters. Nanu Corner (C20) is filled with bear merchandise—jackets, pillows and clothing.

Walk a few steps further and you will find beautiful bead bracelets and other accessories at Fun Crafts and Stuff (C24). Then you can store those trinkets in lovely Chinese lacquer boxes that can be found at 8-8-8 Antiques.

There are many other affordable items to be found at Eastwood City's Night Market—Nike shirts for dad, Scooby-Doo or Rugrats blankets for the kids, neckpieces for the teener, and scarves and blouses for mom, to name a few.

And when your arms get tired from carrying all those shopping bags, fret not. There's a small dining and rest area within the market, where you can sit awhile and watch the stars.

Eastwood City Night Market is open daily from 5 p.m. until midnight, and until 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

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Halloween, Xmas bazaar in Forbes

THE SECOND 'til U drop! Halloween and Christmas bazaar will be held 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Oct. 27, at the Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City.

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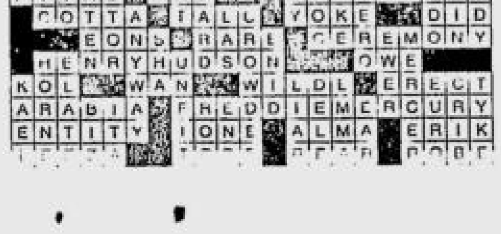

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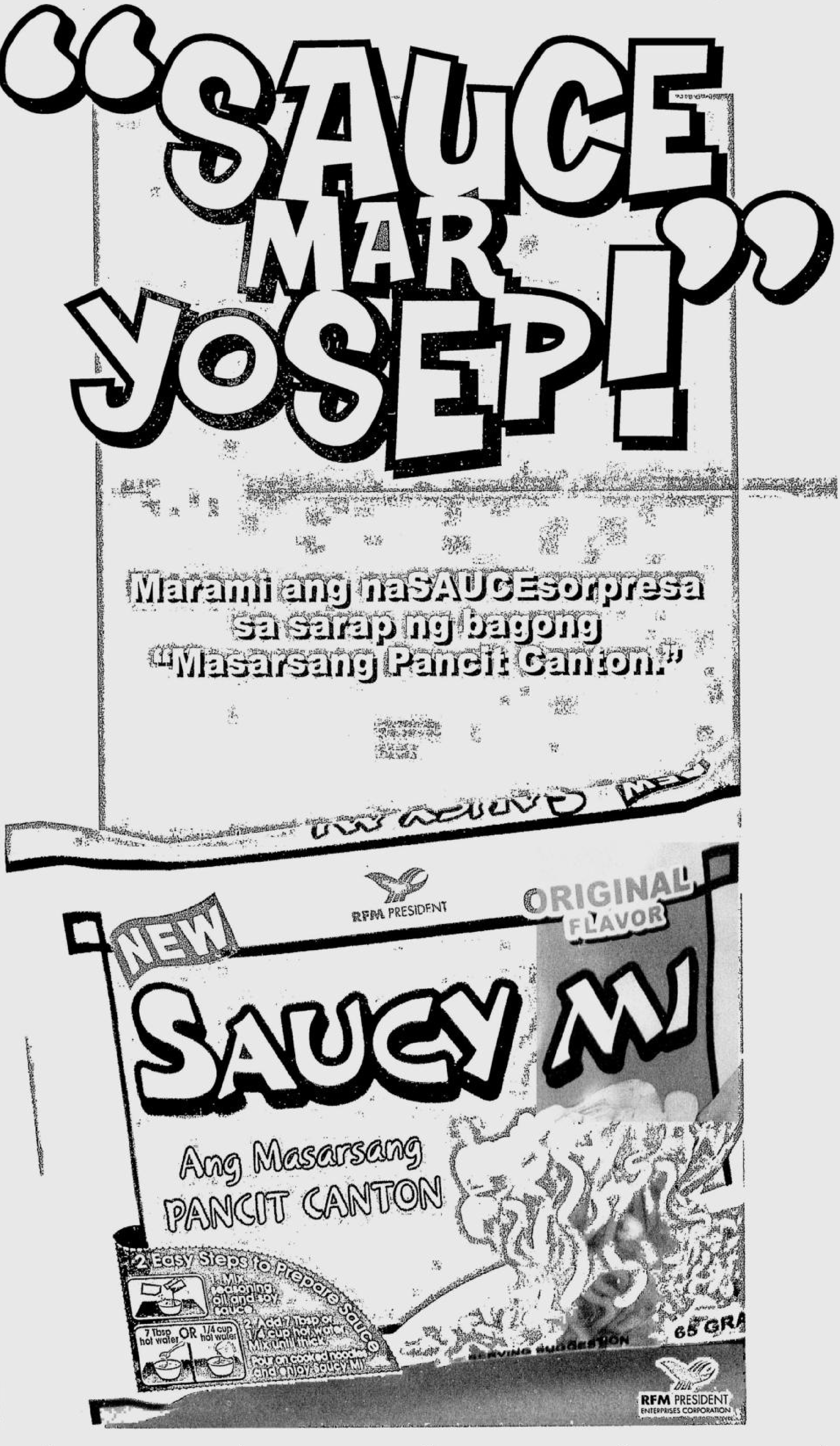

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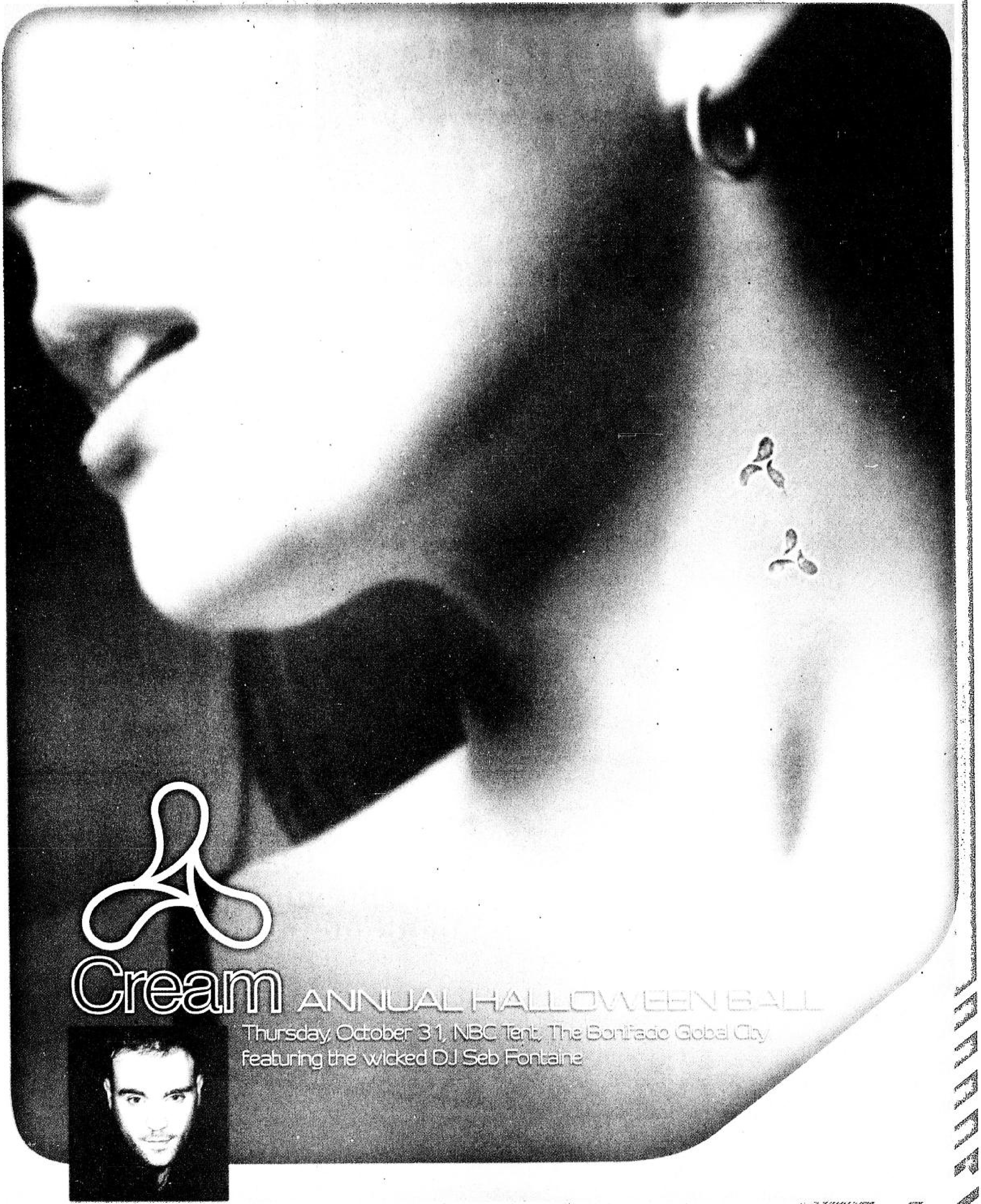

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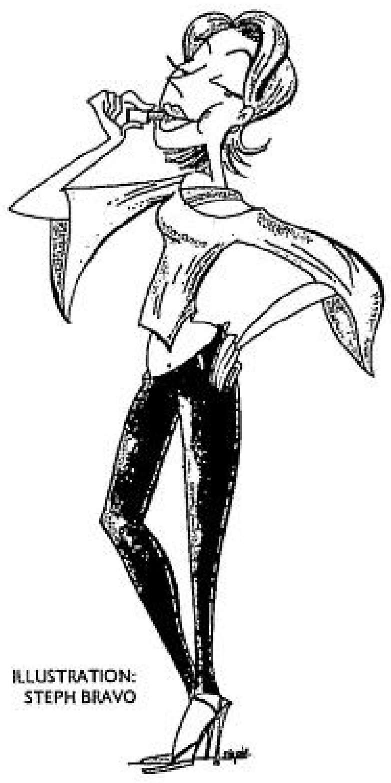

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PREVIEW

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CELINE GABRIEL, who works for a beauty company and designs bags as a hobby, gives the lowdown on party-going beauties of all ages for the story on pp. E4-E5

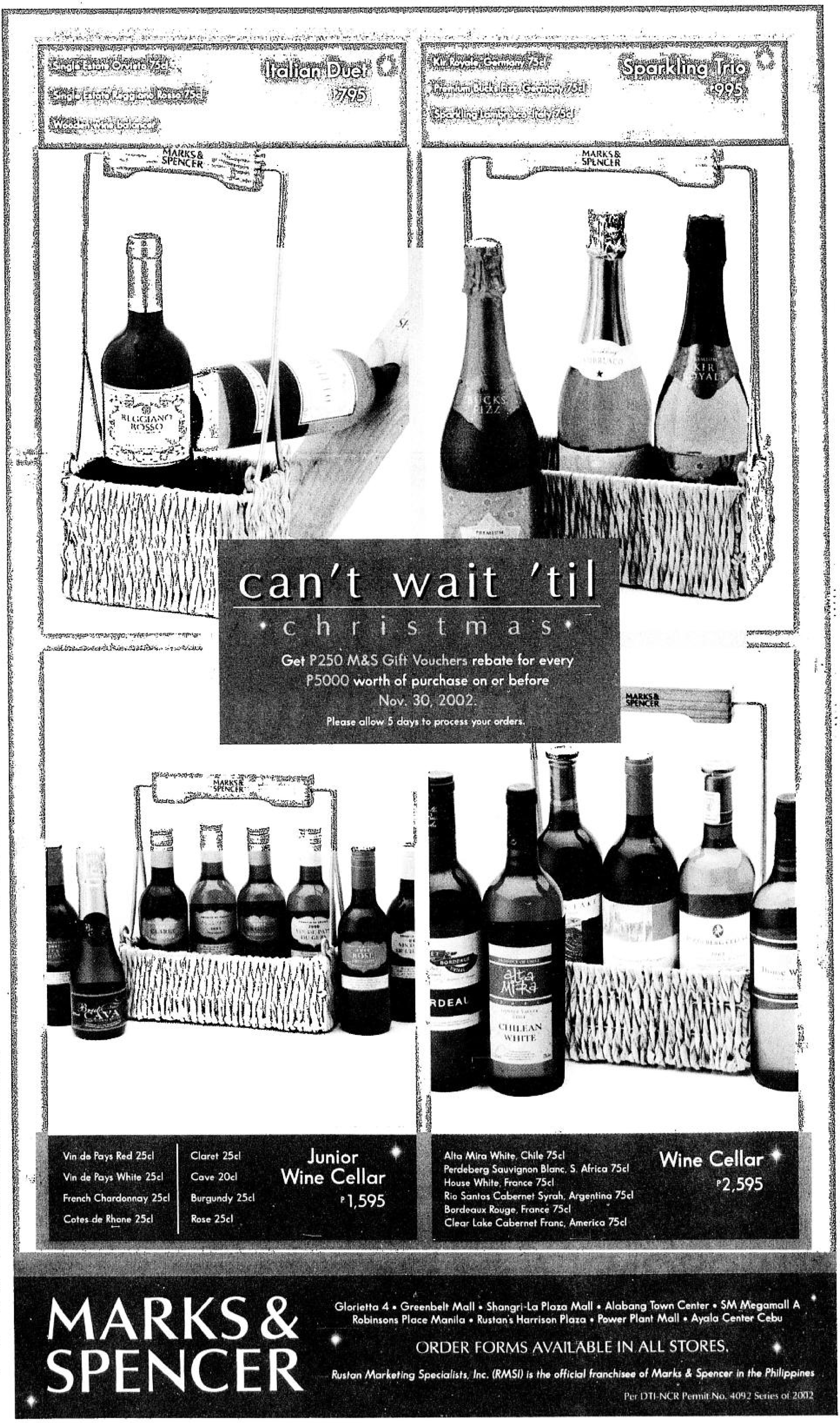
TESSA PRIETO, who hosts glam gigs, surveyed the more mature women whose faces exude unfading glory for the story on pp. E4-E5.

ANGELIQUE VILLARAZA, who is a brand manager and stylist, uncovers the secrets to becoming a cover girl on p. E6.

PREVIEW

THELMA SIOSON SAN JUAN, who calls the shots at several glossies, reveals that beauty cuts deeper than the skin on p. E2.

LEICA CARPO, whose main line is making women want to look pretty, also gets a shot of pleasure from writing. Between planning this issue and going to press, the vivacious Leica managed to take a quick jaunt to Paris and Bilboa, launch an ultra-hip makeup skin care line and grace the most important parties hereabouts—something only a vibrant woman can pull off.



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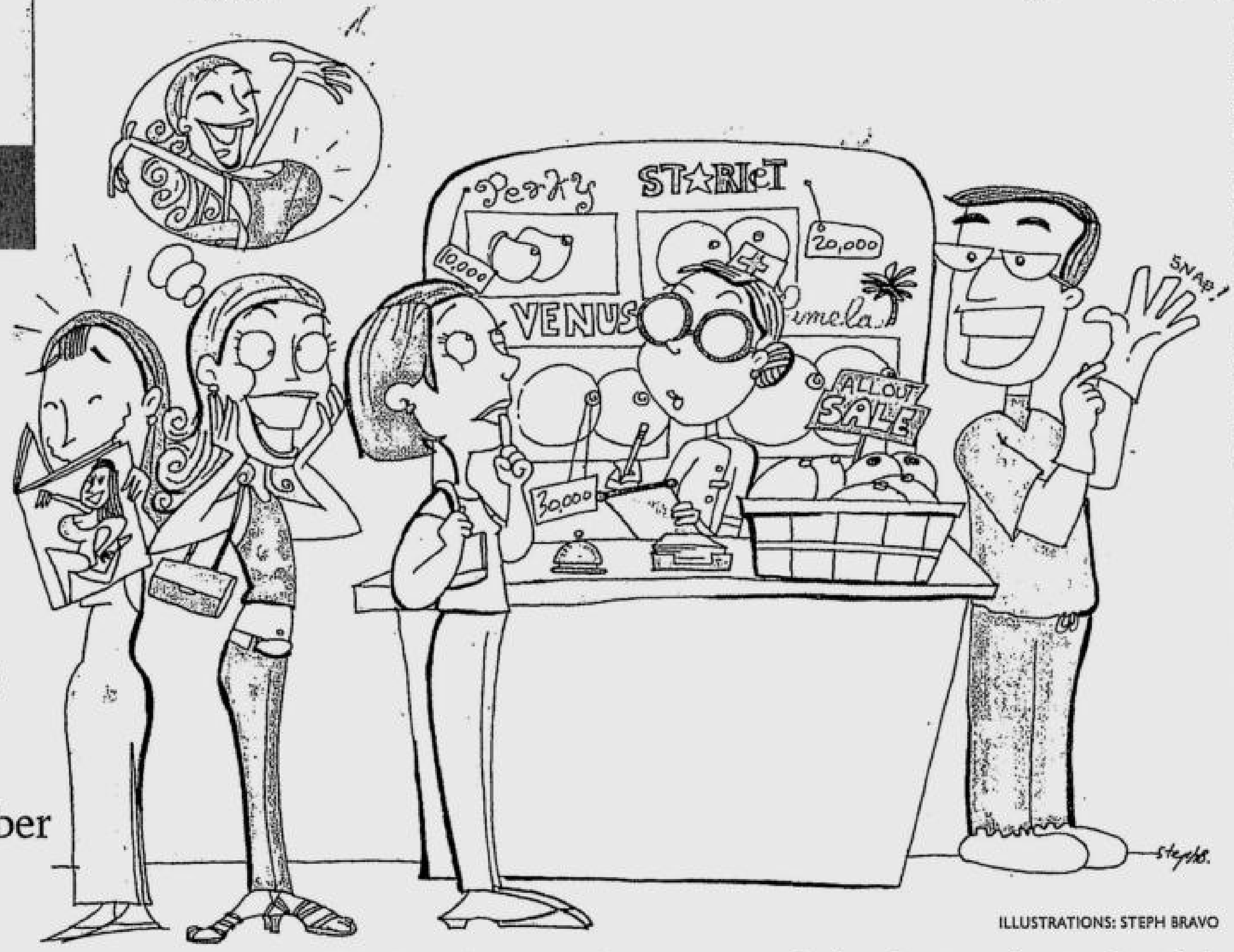
The ever-growing 'Kapisanan ng Nagpa-facelift' and surgery junkies



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By Thelma Sioson San Juan

I HAD a secret agenda when I once slept with my sixtyish aunt: I wanted to see for myself if it was true what they said about women who have had facelifts and eye jobs—that they sleep with their eyes open.

So, as my aunt (may her soul rest in peace and may her descendants leave me in peace after this) slept soundly in her bed next to mine, I stealthily stepped out of bed, tiptoed to hers and knelt before my unsuspecting subject so I could peer into her face.

Yes! Those eyes were agape, not wide open but just slightly so. That was instant infotainment for me.

So it's true. If your eyes have been reworked way too much, you can't sleep with your eyes shut. My uncle didn't live long enough to experience that unique feeling of being watched over by his soulmate all hours of the night, but then if he did, so what?

He was allowed his snore, so why couldn't his vain life partner be allowed her blissful all-night-long half-stare? For better or for worse, remember.

I asked popular beauty-miracle worker Vicki Belo if my eyewitness account had scientific reason. She said, yes, it could happen, especially in the early cases of local cosmetic surgery, when the practice wasn't as advanced as it is now. It happened, she said, when in the eyelid lift or eyebag removal, too much skin had been removed.

> 'Men believe that the bigger the woman's breasts, the dumber she is. In fact, the bigger the woman's breasts, the dumber the man'

But, she added, the condition must not have been allowed to last because the eyes would suffer since they would dry up. One's ability to shed tears would have been hampered. The condition would have been damaging.

My aunt didn't live long enough to have another eye job. And when she died, the undertaker did an exquisite job.

That bit of bedside investigative work made me swear not to have a face repair in the future, distant or near, first, because I don't relish the prospect of having to "look" at my man all night long for the rest of my life (even if my sleep is deep and my love even deeper, no man can be that good-looking) and, second, because I still believe in sleeping with my eyes closed.

That also told me to what great lengths women would go to look young and beautiful.

My aunt's case, however, was mild. Some women could die in the pursuit of technology-driven beauty. Just recently, a story went around about a young mother who turned comatose after having undergone cosmetic surgery, to excise the bulge, not long after childbirth.

Joy and tragedy

The chase after reinvented beauty and restored youth is marked with both joy and tragedy, almost in equal parts. With ludicrous hilarity and awesome scientific genius.

At one dinner, I noticed my gay friend counting with his fingers as we people-watched. When I asked him what his mathematical exercise was about, he said he was keeping tabs of the social X-rays passing us by or stopping by to air-kiss us.

What for, I pressed. Membership count of the "Kapisanan ng Nagpa-facelift," he said.

I'll always remember what I was told by scientist friend who worked in genetic engineering in the US cloning tomatoes and mushrooms, among other things: "Man's ultimate conceit is believing he could do better than nature."

Right. But try telling that to a woman or a man who thinks her/his eyebags are "Louis Vuitton luggage." Not everyone has the confidence of an Audrey Hepburn or a Robert Redford.

I gasped in admiration as I turned the page of Time (or was it Newsweek?) and saw the wrinkled close-up of Redford. Sixty-two, the article declared the icon's age. Unstretched but still so sexy.

In church, I sometimes spot Eddie Garcia and cast studious glances at him when the long homily allows it. The man wears his wrinkles rather well.

These days it takes courage to resist the lure of science and allow the march of years on your face and your body. But who are we to judge? It also takes equal courage to surrender to the knife, or the laser, or the light, as the case may be. (Not to mention, loads of dough.)

To many of today's women and men, surgical pain is no roadblock to youth and beauty quest. Besides, given the ever-progressing technology, pain is minimized, if not made unobtrusive. The invasion into one's body is made not only tolerable but also camouflaged.

Dr. Vicki Belo has told me that today's facelift no longer uses a knife or even laser—but a thread. No incision, no cut.

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deed, "cosmetic surgery junkies." These are people who aren't necessarily old prunes or beauty-impaired, yet they undergo body or face repairs over and over.

This obsession is called dysmorphic body syndrome, said Belo. These people feel there's always something wrong or inadequate with the way they look, so they must have their surgery fix—no different from our craving for chocolate.

Why?

"Once they've gotten a high from being told by people how beautiful they look [after a face repair]," Belo said, "they crave for the flattery over and over. They want to feel the high again, so they come to me and say, what can we do now? It's like the law of diminishing returns."

No wonder there are men and women walking in our midst who look more and more like a Picasso painting (with due apology to the master)—a facial feature seems to get displaced each time they turn up at cocktails.

Business is good

Those in the beauty business—from cosmetic and plastic surgeons to cosmetic dermatologists—admit to an evident growth in business. Belo, for instance, who's definitely the most aggressive in marketing, says the increase in business volume has been no less than 70 percent from the time she started 12 years ago.

In her case, however, the number of liposuction cases has gone down, not because of less demand but because of greater supply—there are more and more clinics offering this popular way of bulge elimination.

What's so interesting is that the clientele has become drastically younger—as young as 16. There are more and more Filipino women now in their 20s who want something done to their face or their body.

Apart from liposuction, the biggest demand is for a nose job. I guess if the Japanese or Chinese women want something done to their eyes, Filipinas, for their part, zero in on their noses.

Of course, eyebag removal is also popular, as well as an eyelift. Dr. Jesse Corres, a plastic and cosmetic surgeon, was approached by a woman in her early 20s who wanted an eyelift. He told her no, because "asymmetry is natural."

He said people must go easy when it comes to eyebag removal. Eyebags, which are made of fat, act as "shock absorber" and protect the eyeballs, he said.

Excessive eye bag removal can result in excessive eye dryness preventing you from tearing up properly. Plus—you don't want to look like you have white eyeliner permanently tattooed on your lower eyelid.

Women as young as their 20s run to surgeons for breast augmentation. This is so in demand now. Career women, businesswomen, students—the clientele is varied. All believe that good and big breasts give them confidence, if not power over men.

"We are a breast-obsessed country," said Belo. Filipino men are suckers for big boobs. "Men believe that the bigger the woman's breasts, the dumber she is. In fact, the bigger the woman's breasts, the dumber the man becomes," said Dr. Belo.

I couldn't have put it better, only because I'm not in a position to find out.

Belo did. One day, she tested the above theory by wearing water-padded bra (the vogue these days, thanks to Victoria's Secret) and went about her day's business while flashing her cleavage.

"I went around that day, from lunch to business meetings, and everywhere I went, people noticed me. The guys went out of their way to talk to me, not really listening to what I was saying, but concentrating on my boobs. Like they asked, can I do anything for you? I had a big laugh all the time. Proved my theory right."

Fight over men

Belo reiterated what I've written in my Editor's Note in Metro—that the competition for men these days isn't only stiff, it's cutthroat.

"There are so few men out there and so many women. And many of the few men are gay," she said.

So women resort to building up the beauty arsenal, from hip-baring pants to surgery-bloated breasts. (There must be a better way of doing battle, but that's another story.)

Dr. Belo added, "I see it all the time—men turning into patties when they're before women with big breasts."

I don't know that this weakness for mammary glands is unique to Filipino men. There must be "patties" in every culture.

"In South America, it's different," Belo said, "Women there go for breast reduction, but want big behinds."

Well, it's a free world; you're free to choose what you want reduced or enlarged.

These days there are also more and more men opting for vanity surgery, usually liposuction. Thirty percent of Belo's clientele are men who are usually in their 30s — politicians, businessmen, celebrities, you name it.

However, there's a difference in approach between men and women, in Dr. Belo's experience at least. "Women go for their liposuction, then do their diet and exercise. Men do the reverse; they come for their lipo after they've tried everything else, from diet to exercise."

As Corres said, "Vanity is no longer synonymous with women only," and he should know because 45 percent of his clientele are men.

Why do men and women have their faces or bodies altered?

Self-esteem. They don't feel adequate about something in themselves and they believe that alteration gives them self-confidence. To a certain extent, perhaps that's true.

But, as Corres said, "Doctors must learn to say no."

Belo agreed with that, which is why she and other surgeons refer some patients to psychiatrists. Doctors in the beauty business must know when their work ends, and that of a psychiatrist or a counselor begins.

"When I was new in the practice I was idealistic in the sense that I thought I could do everything to help everyone, like I helped myself," Belo said. "But then I realized that was not always the case. I've had several clients to whom surgery must be a regular fix, people who wanted something done to themselves even if there was no need in the first place."

Love of self

She said that she always begins a consultation by asking the patient what his/her expectations are. Corres does the same. "I ask her if she expects to get her husband back [after her surgery]," Belo said. "Then I tell her that if she wants something done, she must do it not for her husband, but for herself."

I cannot agree with Belo more. Love and care must begin with one's self.

As Corres noted, we're in an era when youth is exalted. Youth is the prevalent standard of beauty. And this craving for youthful look is what leaves the psyche of some people askew.

Media have a great hand in the making of such mindset. But have you noticed lately how some style glossies, especially the institution that is Vogue, are piping up the notion that beauty also comes with age, and how they're featuring more and more the style of mature women? (The great Anna Wintour, after all, is not getting any younger herself.)

There are so many non-surgical and painless ways to beauty and youth now. Quick fixes like Botox. You can avail yourself of it as easily as fastfood.

But I remain stubborn in my belief that more than surgery or technology, character is what will make you beautiful or ugly—at the end of the day. Many women and many more men perhaps will not agree with that.

Big boobs are sexy, but a bigger mind and an even bigger heart can even be sexier. Again, men may disagree.

But then, if we women begin to talk and think inches, many men will, uh, surely turn into "patties." And you wouldn't like that, right, guys?

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I WORK in a company that makes a living out of making people beautiful. This may not seem like rocket science at first glance, but making safe and effective anti-wrinkle creams, hair coloration formulas and lash curling mascaras requires just as much science and creativity. Believe me, the average female consumer these days can be just as, if not more, demanding than most astronauts ever will be.

That beauty is a luxury has often been its bane, but ask yourself how much better off would we be in a world sans beauty? It is true that beauty, in its simplest form, is merely about a pretty face and form but, in a deeper sense, its successful creation conveys a feeling of well-being and "rightness with the world." A feeling not limited to the source of beauty, but embraces all who partake of it. In a world where life seems so unfair and rage seems to be the best response to yet another injustice, oftentimes the mere presence of beauty is enough to subdue the inner demon—hopefully, long enough to think things through.

Fair warning: When taken to extreme the quest for beauty can easily morph into narcissism, its dark side. For me, real beauty is about the passion, integrity and creativity one puts into becoming the best possible person one can be. Like any worthwhile pursuit this often comes at a cost.

Below, a handful of beautiful Filipino women share their views on beauty and their pursuit of it. Enjoy the read.

—Leica R. Carpo

Top beauty icon **Audrey Hepburn** • Best beauty tip **wash y**
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BEAUTIFU

Interviews by Ria Romero, Celine Gabriel, Tessa Prieto-Valdes and LRC

Stephanie Zubiri, 18

A WOMAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AGE IS...

A woman's age is irrelevant; therefore she's always beautiful.

BEAUTY IS ABOUT...

Confidence, intelligence and the ability to smile genuinely under any circumstances.

TOP THREE BEAUTY ICONS:

Miriam Quiambao. Confident, not afraid to exude her Filipina beauty.

Charlize Theron. She's spunky, feminine, elegant, glamorous—all at the same time.

Lauren Bacall. She's not a perfect beauty but she's a very empowering woman.

TOP TWO BEAUTY MISTAKES:

Cutting my hair boy-short and not using sun block SPF.

HAPPY WITH YOUR LOOKS NOW?

Yes, even if I wish I had longer legs or a better nose, but I'm content anyway. No amount of surgery can make you happy because in the back of your head you'll know it's not you.

Peaches Aberin, 22

A WOMAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AGE IS...

No particular age. A woman is most beautiful at the point in her life when she is the happiest.

BEAUTY IS ABOUT

Being happy about who you are and being content with what you have.

TOP BEAUTY ICON

Grace Kelly. Because of her elegance and timeless beauty.

BEST BEAUTY TIP:

To have my face threaded to remove facial hair. It makes your face look so clean!

DOES AGING BOTHER YOU?

Not at all! I am still very young. Maybe 10 or 20 years [from now].

Gabbie de la Rama, 24

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A WOMAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AGE IS...

40, because it's the age where most people think it goes, but this is actually when it truly shows.

TOP THREE BEAUTY ICONS:

Tetchie Agbayani. The perfect example of the Pinoy beauty.

Juliette Binoche. Simple but very classy, clean and still exotic.

Mayumi Cabrera. Very genuine, no makeup and she's still beautiful; her face is interesting.

TOP TWO BEAUTY MISTAKES:

Shaving my legs and popping my zit.

Rissa Samson, 23

A WOMAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AGE IS..

A woman is most beautiful and most radiant at two points in her life: when she becomes a bride and when she becomes a mother.

BEAUTY IS ABOUT...

Being beautiful 10 years ago and 10 years from now.

TOP THREE BEAUTY ICONS:

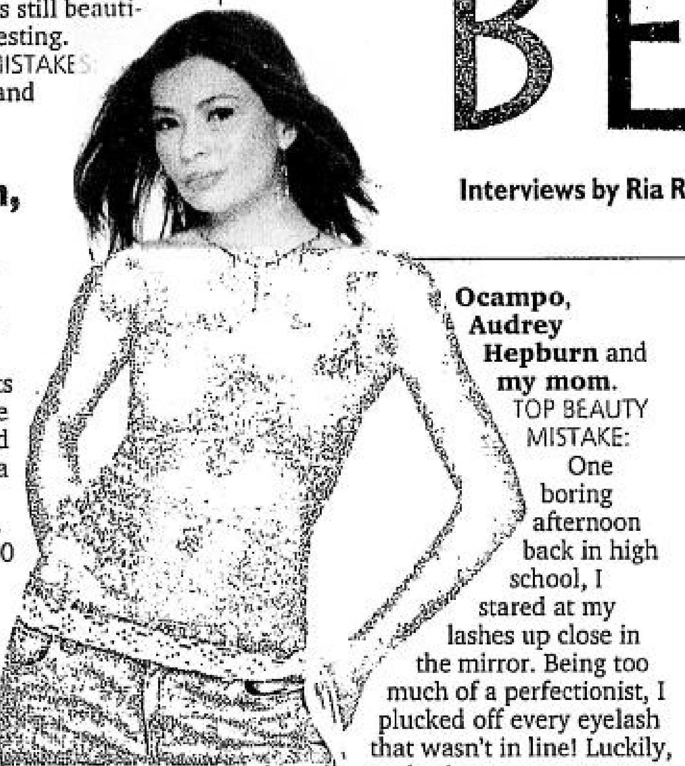
Tina Maristela-Ocampo, **Audrey Hepburn** and **my mom**.

TOP BEAUTY MISTAKE:

One boring afternoon back in high school, I stared at my lashes up close in the mirror. Being too much of a perfectionist, I plucked off every eyelash that wasn't in line! Luckily, they all grew back.

DOES AGING BOTHER YOU?

No. My husband Marzo always says he looks forward to us growing old together.



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Apples Aberin-Sadhwani, disarming at 34

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A WOMAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AGE IS...

It's not always about age. I know women of all ages whom I consider truly beautiful. But I noticed that most women in their 30s and 40s have a certain glow and confidence about them. It probably comes with maturity, contentment and knowing one's self.

BEAUTY IS ABOUT...

Confidence, kindness, a positive outlook in life. Of course, it also helps to look good and take care of one's appearance as looking and feeling good are intertwined.

TOP BEAUTY ICON:

Audrey Hepburn. She has class, effortless style and confidence. Plus, she genuinely cared for others and touched so many lives through her work as a United Nations ambassador of goodwill.

TOP BEAUTY MISTAKES:

Comparing one's self to others, trying to be someone you're not, too much makeup, dressing inappropriately (unless piling on makeup and dressing inappropriately is your style).

DOES AGING BOTHER YOU?

Aging bothers me in a very minor, superficial way. Every now and then, I worry about wrinkles, flab and the strong, inevitable effects of gravity, but I'm more concerned about aging gracefully and being in the best of health at every stage in my life. So I take care of my physical appearance and health by exercising and trying to eat right, and I make it a point to nurture my emotional, spiritual and mental sides through various activities. More importantly, I always try to destress, stay calm and think positive.

HAPPY WITH YOUR LOOKS NOW?

Yes, I may not be the reed-thin 20-something model I was then but I am taking measures to stay fit, healthy and happy.

AVERAGE BEAUTY BUDGET:

Hard to say, but I go to the salon twice a month, exercise two to three times a week, indulge in countless books and magazines, and purchase beauty products like moisturizer, conditioner, lotion and the like every so often.

Bianca Araneta, 24

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A WOMAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AGE IS

I can't think of a particular age, but I'm thinking of motherhood (30-40s). I like women who age gracefully. I think happiness brings out beauty in a person. I think motherhood makes women "women."

TOP THREE BEAUTY ICONS

Angelina Jolie. She doesn't try to be someone else. She's comfortable in her own skin and makes no bones for who she is and what she wants and does in life. To me, that honesty and acceptance of one's self are what makes a person really beautiful.

Paquita Revilla (my Lola). She's really a beauty icon. She lived her life, she's been through hard times, she showed a lot of strength and character even in her final days. She found reasons to smile and laugh and she was a really great grandma.

Madeline Stowe. Though I don't know much about what she's like as a person. I think her physical beauty is just a timeless classic.

Amina Aranaz, 23

A WOMAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AGE IS.

60s-70s, because I think it's the time of life wherein the woman has had gone through all the changes physically, emotionally and spiritually. This is the point where you can relish everything you've done. And this is the age where you can look back and know if you really are a beautiful person.

BEAUTY IS ABOUT

Cultivating yourself and being the person God made you to be.

TOP THREE BEAUTY ICONS:

Audrey Hepburn. For her physical beauty, and because she helped a lot of people and how she worked her way up in her career.

Becky Aranaz (my mom). She advised me on basic grooming hygiene...plus, she's not vain. She doesn't use much makeup. They think she's my sister.

Virgin Mary. She is the perfect model of a beautiful woman; she epitomizes everything we should strive to be.

AVERAGE BEAUTY BUDGET:

In a month, P200.

Susan Reyes, 50s

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BEAUTY IS ABOUT

Attitude. To be beautiful, you have to think positively.

BEAUTY ICON

Audrey Hepburn

BEST BEAUTY TIP:

Stay away from energy vampires and sleep six to eight hours a day.

AVERAGE BEAUTY BUDGET:

I use Cetaphil and moisturizer daily, and La Prairie products (which are expensive but worth it). I also believe in using sun block and flossing daily.

EXERCISES:

Pilates and treadmill thrice a week

Joey Mead, fabulous at 28

PREVIEW

A WOMAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AGE IS...

A woman is always beautiful at any age; 5 to 101 is an awesome age to be. But for me, being at 50 is a true test of beauty. Can you imagine all the life experiences and knowledge you would have in memory? I believe being 50 is being 15 all over again, but better—instead of sexual curiosity, it's a sexual showdown! Being at 10 years is a rebellious learning stage, late 20s are experimental times. By 50, you can honestly say, "Been there and done that, baby." It's wisdom mixed with true self-acceptance that is beauty for all.

I'm in my late 20s now, and at what I believe to be the most powerful stage of my life. I cannot wait to be 40 and fabulous, just to prove myself correct: Ever since I was 18, I've lathered lotions and potions. I was influenced at an early age by my young-looking mother, though I hadn't unleashed the ultimate secret power of beauty till just recently. Out of all the beauty looks I have been through, from photo shoots to fashion shows...concealers can hide, glossy lips can be enticing and long hair, sexy. I had done everything visually beautiful for others, but had forgotten about me. That's the turning point, ladies, so get out there and be your best—realize your reason for being in this world.

BEAUTY IS ABOUT...

Sharing one's love unconditionally.

TOP THREE BEAUTY ICONS:

Madonna. She has conquered every look imaginable. I'm forever a Maddy fan.

Kevyn Aucoin. She has turned beauties into icons.

G Toengi. There is no other woman I know who has experimented with every look and gotten away with it. *Tarush*!

BEST BEAUTY TIP:

Put sunblock every day under your daily moisturizer!

BEAUTY GURU:

Jing Monis...forever.

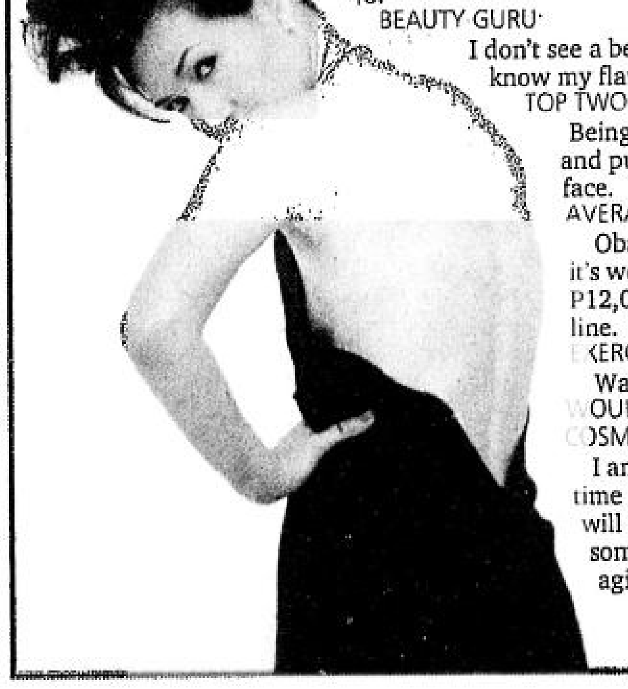
TOP TWO BEAUTY MISTAKES:

Thick makeup...so thick you need a chisel to chip it off! Arghhh! And uneven foundation, not blended in well... Grrr!

AVERAGE BEAUTY BUDGET:

Approximately $45 a month for waxing, sometimes $60 if I get a Brazilian... Ouch!

Tina Maristela-Ocampo, iconic in her 40s



BEAUTY IS ABOUT

Working on one's self inside and out.

BEAUTY ICONS:

Ting Ting Cojuangco, as painted by Claudio Bravo. A portrait of transcending beauty.

Ines de la Fressange, a French model in the 80s.

BEST BEAUTY TIP:

From Doris Ho: the use of Obagi at the age of 40.

BEAUTY GURU:

I don't see a beauty guru. Only I know my flaws inside and out.

TOP TWO BEAUTY MISTAKES:

Being too lazy to exercise and putting shimmer on the face.

AVERAGE BEAUTY BUDGET:

Obagi costs a fortune but it's worth it. It's about P12,000 for the skin care line.

EXERCISES:

Walking and eating right

WOULD YOU CONSIDER COSMETIC SURGERY?

I am hoping that by the time I turn 60, technology will have developed something that can kiss aging skin good-bye.

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Dina Bonnevie, 40

BEAUTY IS ABOUT
Being healthy and having pure thoughts from within.

TOP BEAUTY ICON:
Lucy Torres. Even without makeup. I have seen her with her flawless skin.

BEST BEAUTY TIP
Exercise and right diet will definitely slow down the aging process.

AVERAGE BEAUTY BUDGET
I spend a lot for vitamins C and E (to clean up from within). I use Prescription Plus, a whole line of skincare. It's important to spend now in preserving beauty before it's too late. But Chanel makeup always helps. I spend one day a week for the works—spa, facial, nails, etc.

EXERCISE
Exercises such as pilates and workout in the gym.

Yes. Well, it depends if I end up with a younger man.

Tanya Moreno, 20

COSMETICS YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT
Lip balm. I never leave some without it!

TOP THREE BEAUTY ICONS
Mom. I admire my mom for so many reasons and I believe that she exudes beauty not only through her looks but also through her heart and mind.

Princess Diana. She's one of my icons because she exudes class and timeless beauty.

Tweety de Leon. I think Tweety is the epitome of the Filipina beauty—simple yet stunning.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER COSMETIC SURGERY?
Only for reconstructive purposes. If I got into an accident and my face got disfigured, I'd definitely have it done, but I don't think I'd consider it otherwise.

AVERAGE BEAUTY BUDGET
I don't believe in splurging or skimping—I think women should set aside a modest budget for their basic beauty necessities and, maybe once in a while, pamper themselves. I think Asian women are a living proof of that. We're very lucky because most of us manage to look younger than we really are.

Savannah Lee Lumen, sweet 16

TOP THREE BEAUTY ICONS
I absolutely love **Kelly Osbourne**'s look—it's very punk, but still really, really girlish—I love that!

I also go for model **Devon Aoki.** There's something about the way she puts things together—a lot of layers like dresses over jeans or a tank top under a really beautiful lace shirt that drapes to one side and, again, over jeans. She's just someone that dares to go there, and you know what? She pulls it off!

Angelina Jolie. The woman just rocks with anything she wears. Even when dressed up, she maintains that edge that she has—gotta love her!

BEST BEAUTY TIP
Add a bit of liquid concealer to crème or liquid eye shadow and lipstick for a matte finish.

TOP BEAUTY MISTAKE
Buying and using a foundation that was much too orangy for my seriously pale skin. I think we all know what went wrong there!

WOULD YOU CONSIDER COSMETIC SURGERY
I've thought about it, but that's all. I think we all get sick of the way we look sometimes, but really now you would be artificially beautiful; it wouldn't really be you. That's not a good thing.

AVERAGE BEAUTY BUDGET
I spend tons of money on makeup.

Ting Ting Cojuangco, forever 50

BEAUTY IS ABOUT...
Being born to parents with genes that are a great match, and still, parents who remind you that beauty is bone and skin, and it's the heart that counts.

BEAUTY ICONS.
There are two I can think of who have impeccable dress sense and are consistent in being tasteful anytime and anywhere: **Tina Maristela-Ocampo** and **Baby Araneta-Forés.** Their appearance is never aggressive. They may wear the simplest clothes with the best cut. Their accessories match their attires. It's their whole packaging that's attractive, and no one behind the counter had to teach them how to put their look together. Their taste is simply inborn...intuition and knowledge of what's appropriate.

The third one is **Imelda Cojuangco.** She has established her particular style and the confidence of many years to carry it to its limits. In a word, she has dignity. There, I'm being nationalistic. Why attempt to look like a foreign creature?

BEST BEAUTY TIPS.
Smile. Laugh lines tell the story of your life, my doctor uncle taught me that. Also, [use] Retin A, moisturizer and AHA from several well-known skin doctors.

DOES AGING BOTHER YOU?
Yes, because I like to be in control but I cannot stop time.

HAPPY WITH YOUR LOOK NOW?
Depends on which side of my face I've slept on.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER COSMETIC SURGERY
Of course, but not too tight. My smile might change, and my nationality, too.

Vicky Pimentel, 42

BEAUTY IS ABOUT ...
Laughter and elegance.

BEST BEAUTY TIPS:
Smile a lot. Laugh more often.

COSMETICS YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT
Can't do without my double face powder, hairbrush, signature scent, my security blanket is my makeup bag consisting of 19 pieces of makeup.

TOP BEAUTY ICONS
Aung San Suu Kyi. She's a natural in spite of all her struggles.

Catherine Zeta Jones. Oozing with sex appeal!

Grace Kelly. Sophisticated elegance.

TOP BEAUTY MISTAKE:
I curled my hair once. My God! I looked like an *ensaymada* with hair!

Jenni Epperson, 31

A WOMAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AGE IS
Early 30s, because you're more confident about yourself and more knowledgeable. You start to look more mature, but you're more aware so you take care of yourself more.

TOP THREE BEAUTY ICONS.
Audrey Hepburn. Classic beauty, carries herself well. She has done a lot of good things [so she has] balance.

Angel Aquino. As a stylist, she knows how to use her facial features and she's really nice to work with. [She has] balance in beauty and talent to project in front of cameras.

Christy Turlington. She has beautiful bone structure; she does Yoga, she had retired from runaway modeling and still retained her value in the industry. She's empowered.

FAVORITE BEAUTY GURU
The beauty bible: Allure magazine. You get latest products from it and shows you have to use them.

TOP TWO BEAUTY MISTAKE
Using wrong concealer and wrong foundation.

DOES AGING BOTHER YOU
In my mid 20s, it did, because I could see signs of maturity and I didn't know how to take care of it. But now that I do, I've learned to love my flaws.

HAPPY WITH YOUR LOOKS
Yes. You can't create beauty; you should just highlight your beauty.

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SURGERY
Definitely, when the time comes. Why not avail of new technology when it's there?

Ana Martha Moreno, 25

TOP BEAUTY ICONS
Mom. For the way she is and has always been.

Gretchen Oppen Cojuangco. She has an ageless face and is classy in her ways.

Grace Kelly. I love her style.

BEST BEAUTY TIP
I always wear moisturizer and sunblock before leaving the house.

Putting toner when I was young. It dried up my skin.

I never go to sleep without washing my face. If I don't put makeup, I don't use soap because it dries up my skin.

DOES AGING BOTHER YOU
Yes, I'm afraid to get wrinkles at a young age.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER COSMETIC SURGERY
No. I believe everyone is beautiful. It's just a matter of taking care of what God gave you.

HAPPY WITH YOUR LOOKS
Yes, but I can look better if I lost more weight.

AVERAGE BEAUTY BUDGET
I don't really have a budget. I believe in spending on beauty products when necessary, but only on things I will use.

Trinchy Floro, 27

A WOMAN'S MOST BEAUTIFUL AGE IS
Early 30s, somewhere between 30 and 35. That's when a woman blossoms and grows not just in looks but also in her career, character and mind. It's when women are most confident, secure and sure of what they want in life. They've past that awkward 20-something age, the age between 25 and 29 where some women are still trying to find themselves and figure out what they really want out of life.

PREVIEW

Confidence, security, character and personality. Someone can be extremely beautiful but have nothing to offer. Beauty is not all about looks; it has a lot do with what's inside.

Mia Hamm. Athletic, smart, confident, uses her popularity and fame to help build women's athletics in the world and has put up a bone marrow foundation to help people find a cure for bone marrow diseases.

Princess Diana

My mom, **Carol Masibay**, who looks great for her age. I'd love to look like that when I'm ??—(I'm not going to give away her age, or she'll shoot me!)

No. It's part of the whole process. I think that wrinkles give character and tell stories. When people distort themselves too much, it takes away from the natural beauty of the person. It's like hiding behind a mask! The only reason age bothers me is that I can't run as fast as the kids I'm coaching...plus my knees get all achy!

Yes. I can't wait to see the way I look when I am pregnant with my first child, knowing that I will be bringing new life to this world and it came from inside of me! Wild!

Myrza Sison, 35

Doing what you can to look your best so you can be confident and self-assured enough to free your mind and concentrate on more important life matters.

Audrey Tatou of "Amelie" fame, **Audrey Hepburn**, **Tweetie de Leon** and **Apples Aberin**, who all defy the laws of age and gravity.

Take care of your skin, be healthy; toxic thoughts and a negative attitude are the greatest uglifiers. This is just common sense.

For skin, my dermatologist; for hair, Jing Monis

Aging is only bothersome if the age your face reveals doesn't match your life's accomplishments thus far... But then again I don't know many people who would rather look more accomplished than younger! I guess if you can get away with looking younger than you really are, you should be grateful.

Yes, pretty happy, but if we all ceased to attempt in improving ourselves, where's the fun in that?

PREVIEW

Akiko Thomson, 28

PREVIEW

BEST BEAUTY TIPS
Stay out of the sun and use sunblock.

BEAUTY REGIMEN
I love cleaning my face with Apricot Scrub...every now and then putting on the green mask that's supposed to clean your pores.

COSMETICS YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT
Can't live without sunblock 45! Lotion, lotion, lotion and my body scrub.

TOP BEAUTY ICONS
Chiqui Brosas-Hahn, Lauren Hutton and **Princess Diana.** I think with all three of them there is a naturalness about them and grace. Nothing artificial or done up.

TOP BEAUTY MISTAKES
I should've stayed away from the sun more!

WOULD YOU CONSIDER COSMETIC SURGERY
No, unless an accident disfigured me. We should love and take care of what we've been given.

AVERAGE BEAUTY BUDGET
Unfortunately, I don't keep track of my beauty sprees. But, yes, I'm all for splurging (in a balanced way). A woman must take care of herself!

Nini Licaros, 50s

BEAUTY IS ABOUT
Purity of the soul. Inner beauty.

BEAUTY ICONS
Elvira Manahan and **Audrey Hepburn**

BEAUTY GURU
None, but I'm looking around for one.

DOES AGEING BOTHER YOU
No. I feel more elegant as time passes.

HAPPY WITH YOUR LOOKS NOW
Although my metabolism is not as active and I am in search of a doctor to help me in that area, I am quite happy.

EXERCISES
Daily gym. I alternate taebo and treadmill. I also do mat pilates and aerobics.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE FUTURE?
Of course. I will do it for myself. But I will have to scout around for a good cosmetic surgeon for my facelift.

Irma Ponce-Enrile Potenciano, unabashedly 70

A person who is neat. No matter how beautifully made up she is, or how expensive her clothes may be, if she is untidy it's a no-no for me.

Monique Sigulon-Reyna-Villonco. In all her simplicity, she is beautiful. Even if she does not wear any make-up she is always neat and wears clothes that are simple and right for her age.

Lily de las Alas Padilla. A very elegant person, not too showy when she dresses. She fixes herself according to her age, unlike other women who try to follow the fashion trend for which they look ridiculous.

Remy Arguelles. A very regal lady. Every time I see her she is always dressed properly according to the time, occasion and place.

Whenever I gain weight—that for me is a big mistake! So I am eternally on a diet.

Yes! If you need cosmetic surgery by all means, have it! If it will improve your looks, why not? I suggest you get a good surgeon. Also do not overdo it to the extent of looking younger than your daughter. I have always said that "if men go through it, why can't the women do the same?" Nowadays, there is not reason to be ugly (if you can afford it) with all the beauty technology available.

You cannot fight aging. Whether we like it or not, it will come. So I think it is better to accept it and be happy. After my surgery at 65, I decided that I will not do it again, unless it is necessary. So I am at 70—I have earned every wrinkle on my face. And soon to be 71 I have done so much to reach my goals in life and I am very proud of my accomplishments. I know I did not waste my years on being idle. I have had a very productive life and I have not given up and will do more in the future!

I have no budget for beauty, as long as I can afford it why not?

Yes! I had cosmetic surgery when I turned 65 (removal of my turkey chin, my eye bags and my eye lids). That was six years ago. I did it once—that's it! Never again. I will be 71 on October 21.

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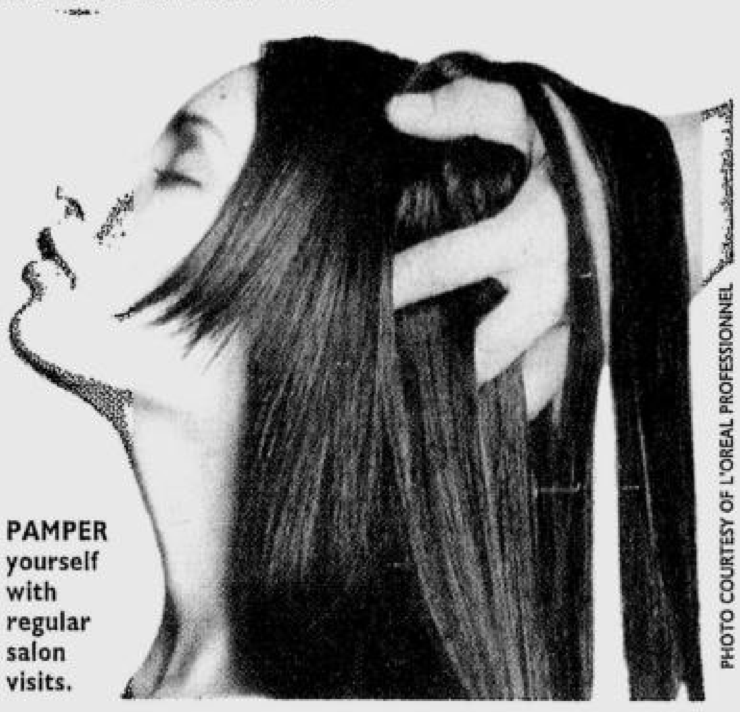
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How to become a cover girl

To make it, you have to be fresh and exceptionally beautiful, which takes a lot of work

By Angelique Villaraza

ANY MAGAZINE editor will tell you that being a cover girl really means having the kind of face that sells issues. That means you must be:

1. A top celebrity, model, socialite, or politician.
2. Or a controversial personality.
3. Or the next hot thing—fresh and exceptionally beautiful.

The first two points do not apply to the average girl, so you will have to work on the third. In this case, many steps are involved as one does not become a cover girl overnight.

Fresh, hot, now

Decisions, decisions—you will have to decide on how you want to position or package yourself. Versace-clad nymph? Sultry diva? Doe-eyed Lolita? Rock princess? Which fashion icon fits your look and personality best?

Or better yet, how do you acquire the "Look of the Moment"?

Expert advice

If you are suffering from an identity crisis, then a third party should prove helpful. Go to image consultants Anthony Polvorosa, Jenni Epperson and Olen Lim, who can walk you through the process of creating a defined, confident image. Or spend an afternoon with your fashion-savvy friends, to try out different high-impact, low-maintenance styling combinations and themes using color palettes, various clothing silhouettes, textures.

Your crowning glory

Ask your favorite hairdresser to execute a haircut and color that suit your face shape, hair texturé and lifestyle. However, a boring, run-of-the-mill hairstyle will make you look like every other plain Jane. Therefore, to sport a head-turning 'do, tailor your style to the season's trend.

American Vogue beauty editor Sarah Brown predicts that this fall, "the hair to have is the essence of carefree cool—equal parts rock star and glamour queen. The cut is loose and charged with sex appeal—the perfect foil for fall's new extreme elegance."

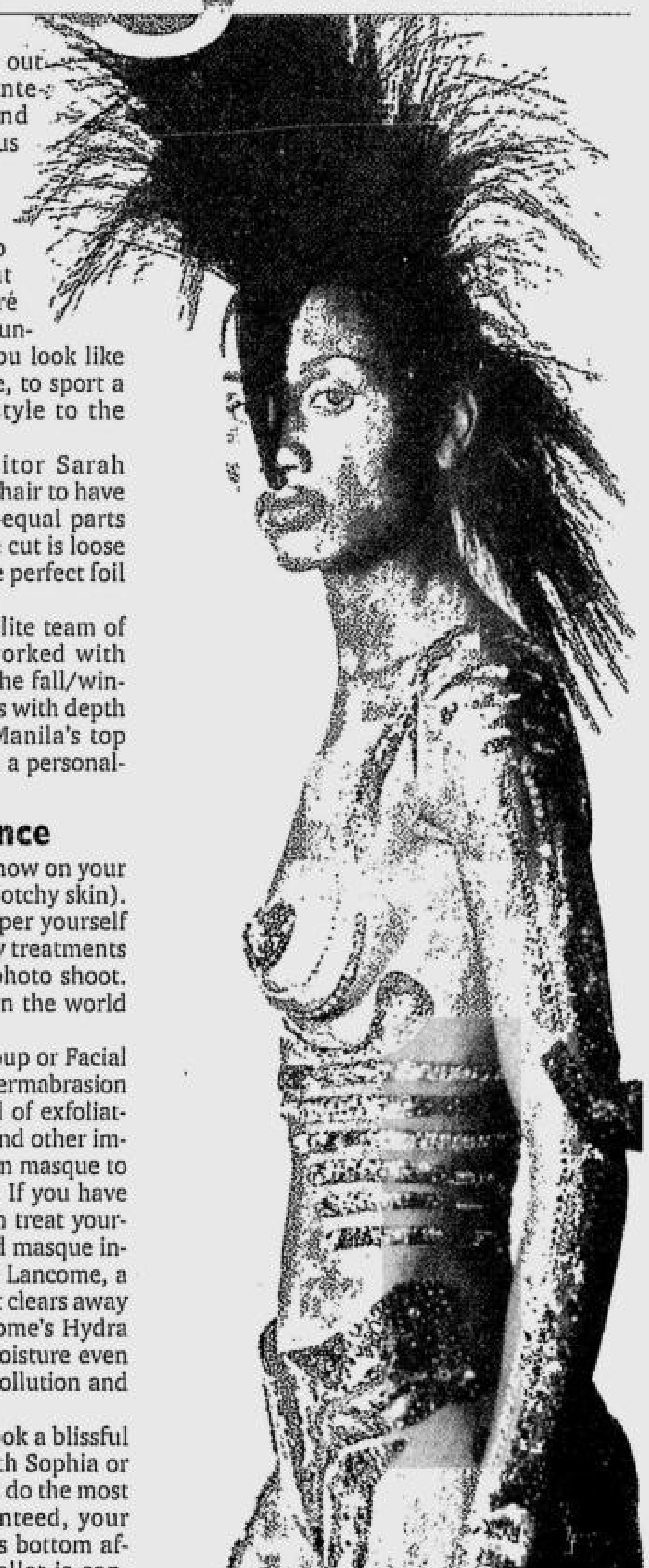
Haute Coiffure Francaise, an elite team of Paris-based hairdressers, has worked with L'Oreal Professionnel to predict the fall/winter trend for hair color: rich shades with depth with high shine. Consult with Manila's top colorists, who could help execute a personalized hair color for you.

Guiltless self-indulgence

If you are stressed out, it will show on your face (via wrinkles, dark circles, blotchy skin). Which means that you must pamper yourself with a package of facials and body treatments to prime yourself for your first photo shoot. After all, even the best makeup in the world can never hide bad skin.

Inquire at the Belo Medical Group or Facial Care Center for the latest microdermabrasion treatment (a professional method of exfoliating the skin, removing fine lines and other imperfections), followed by a vitamin masque to bring back the glow to tired skin. If you have maxed out your credit cards, then treat yourself to a home use facial scrub and masque instead. Try Exfoliance Controle by Lancome, a deep-cleansing foaming scrub that clears away excess sebum. Follow with Lancome's Hydra Intense Masque, which retains moisture even under harsh conditions such as pollution and bright photography lights.

As for the rest of your body, book a blissful afternoon at Emphasis Salon, with Sophia or Dede, the Balinese therapists that do the most outstanding *lulur* scrub. Guaranteed, your entire body will feel like a baby's bottom afterward. And, again, if your wallet is constraining your beauty plans, then try Lancome's Aromatonic Body Scrub at home, followed by H2O's Sea Weed Body Masque, available at any Cinderella outlet.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You are what you eat

Stuffing yourself with junk food will make you look exactly that—like trash. To avoid overeating, drink two glasses of fresh fruit juice before every meal, to fill your stomach and prevent that extra helping of pre-lunch buttered bread. Fill your bedroom and office pantry with healthy snacks like cereal and salt free crackers, for those pre-menstrual moments when you get the munchies.

Hang out with thin people, so that you will always feel big compared to them. Not to discriminate, but it is a fact that many overweight people have low self-control, and will therefore be continuously munching on chocolates and cakes. Staying away from such types will minimize temptation.

If you've tried every available diet (Atkins, After Six, etc.) and still cannot lose that crucial 10-percent body fat, then it's time for more desperate measures. Look for a professional nutritionist or dietitian and assign a family member or friend to ensure you execute the plan calorie by calorie.

Body matters

Great clothes always look better on a fantastic body. Some fashion critics even claim that your best accessory is a fabulous body, because even the most expensive couture masterpiece cannot hide a hideous figure. Whatever exercise you choose, just make sure that you are seriously committed to it. Better yet, get a strict personal trainer that will pester you every day. Measure your body fat and monitor its development with a passion. This seems rigid and maybe even cruel, but the results will be a hundred-fold better than the suffering.

Look for Mitch of The Spa in RCBC Plaza, the physical therapist and personal trainer responsible for Gretchen Barretto's exercise regimen. She can definitely handle even the most demanding clients.

Read up on fitness matters in magazines and newspapers, just to be updated on the latest about keeping a great figure.

Fashion as self-expression

If you are not comfortable with what you are wearing, then you will look like an awkward fashion neophyte. So choose clothes that will boost confidence rather than damage your ego.

However, comfort does not mean baggy pants and your boyfriend's overused jersey. Use your creativity to mix interesting combinations—old and new: vintage with items hot off the ramp; expensive and cheap: luxury brands with DIY; trendy and classic: the season's colors with basic neutrals. Or you can break all the rules and wear everything all at once, but this feat must be matched with an exuberant personality and a fabulous sense of style.

If you are intimidated by all of the above, then approach a friend whose fashion sense you admire, and ask her who her favorite designer is. The September 2002 issue of Preview magazine includes a "Designer Directory (complete listing of all the designers who matter)."

During your consultation with the chosen designer, make sure to voice out hard facts, like which body parts you aim to flaunt and which parts need "help." In addition, go through various magazines, attend catwalk shows or watch TV-based fashion features to take inspiration from the world's fashion geniuses. This way you won't have to start your wardrobe plan from scratch.

Your best angle

Even if you are not photogenic, a good photographer can find your best angle and coax you into the most alluring pose. There are many fashion photographers, and if you are confused, then, once again, go through our local magazines, rip off pages of photographs that appeal to you most, and check which photographer was behind that oh-so attention-grabbing image. Your choice of photographer will also depend on the kind of photograph you want. Avant-garde? Then book Neil Oshima. Sexy, seductive? Go for Xander Angeles—after all, he did the Assunta de Rossi calendar.

If all these pros are beyond the reach of your budget, then have a friend (preferably a photography student or hobbyist) take Polaroids of you in various angles, poses, facial expressions. Study each one to determine your best smile, your best pout, your best tortured look, your best haughty glare. The more looks you have, the better. A cover girl should be as flexible as a chameleon.

Image is everything

Finally, you will need a publicist or talent manager to promote your hot, new self to all the beauty editors that matter. After all, there are hundreds of other girls out there vying for that much-coveted cover girl status.

If your bank account cannot support a publicist's exorbitant retainer fees, then you will have to resort to self-promotion: attend all the fashion parties and rub elbows with the right editors.

The harsh truth is, if these editors do not recognize you as the freshest face that sports the season's look of the moment, then your cover-girl fantasy will remain a dream despite all the work you've done.

Top 10 beauty myths

Drinking as aid to pulchritude? Soap a facial no-no? Coffee a skin dryer? Antiperspirants cancer-causing? Read on and be enlightened

By Leica Carpo

FROM OLD wives' tales to urban legends, the most popular modern-day beauty myths are compiled here.

1 Drink 8-10 glasses of water every day for beautiful skin.

Drinking water is a great health tip, but according to skin care experts, the skin reacts to external factors as well like air conditioning (which can dry skin), sunlight (which can burn skin), etc. So a better way to keep the skin soft is not only to drink water but also to moisturize or use sunblock from the outside as well. More recent studies have shown that the ideal number of glasses may be more like six. According to another recent study, those who drank five to six glasses per day were 41 percent less likely to experience a fatal heart attack than those who drank no more than two.

2 Soap is bad for the skin.

According to the American Osteopathic College, we should give soap a break these days. The newer soap formulations are made with synthetic surfactants and can cleanse skin in a milder manner. Some soaps even include moisturizers and are no longer drying for skin—particularly aging skin. Older formulations contain a mix of animal fats and fruit/vegetable oils, which are skin no-no's. The only problem with a bar of soap is that it is a breeding ground for bacteria. A pump dispenser is preferable.

YAaAAAAH-HH!!

3 Smoking and caffeine cause dry skin.

Tests show that caffeine has no direct effect on your skin, but it does deplete water from the body. Smoking only works indirectly to make your skin old before its time. It decreases circulation so the skin doesn't get as much oxygen, which is essential in creating and maintaining healthy skin cells. In fact, it is the repetitive eye squinting and pursing of lips while you smoke that can cause premature wrinkling around the eyes and mouth.

4 Use products from one line only.

This is a definite sales pitch from a really savvy sales person. You may use products from different lines without fear of a beauty disaster. Some companies make better moisturizers, but may not be as strong in eye shadows or lipsticks—so experiment; only you know what works best for you.

5 You can scrub acne away.

Coarse heavy-grained exfoliators are recommended for acne-prone or oily skin. However, when used too often and too vigorously, it can actually aggravate acne by opening the cysts and encouraging the skin to produce more oil to compensate for the ruthless stripping away. Use medium-grain exfoliators suspended in paste and don't overdo it.

6 Drinking soda can give one cellulite.

The carbonation in soda does not cause fat cells to swell or to cause skin to dimple. Cellulite is best blamed on your genes or a desk job. The best thing to do is massage the area with some of the new creams out on the market. This may not totally eradicate the problem but it may help.

7 Antiperspirants cause cancer.

Deodorants do not cause breast cancer. There is no correlation between the two, according to Dr. Pamela Goodwin, director of Marvelle Toffler Breast Cancer. Goodwin bases her study on the fact that there was not a huge jump in cases of breast cancer when antiperspirants were introduced into the market. She thinks the rumor started due to the closeness of the areas affected. And yes, she does apply antiperspirant every day.

8 It's too late to use sunscreen.

It's never too late to protect skin from the sun. Cumulative unprotected sun worshipping damages the skin. Clinical studies have shown that, once you start protecting it, the skin has ability to repair itself. This could take a few years though, so don't expect overnight results.

Tan skin equals burned skin. Skin, like bread, goes brown and turns to toast when it has been cooked. Ten to fifteen minutes of sun is healthy to increase Vitamin D in the body; more than that and you are increasing your risk of skin cancer. Beautiful skin is all about clarity, evenness and smoothness of texture and color, not about depth of color.

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9 Hair color will give you more white hair.

No, no, no. Hair coloration cannot give you more white hair because it does not penetrate your scalp. The whitening of the hair is caused by the inability of the melanocytes to produce melanin. Melanocytes are inside your scalp.

10 Eating grapefruits every day will increase breast size...

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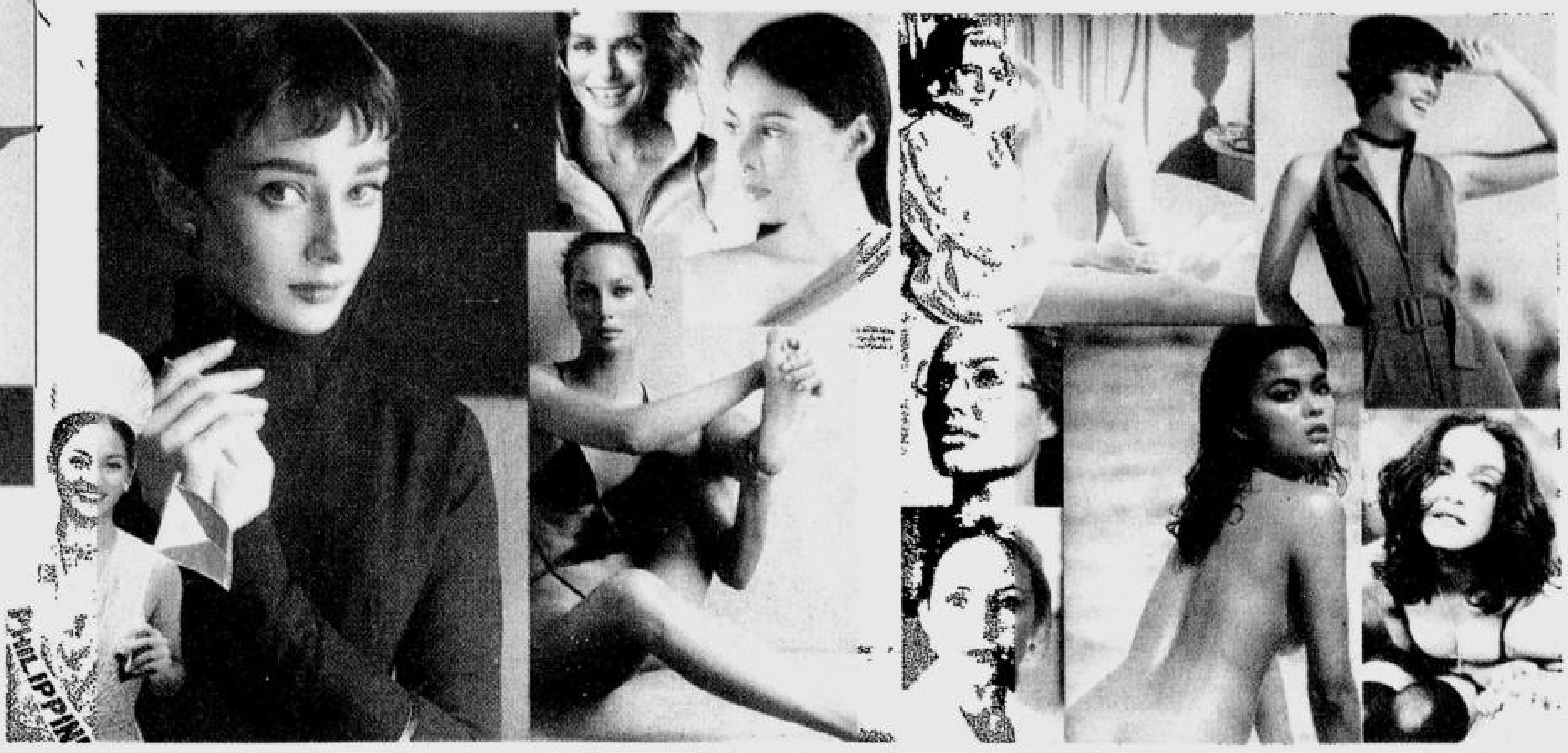

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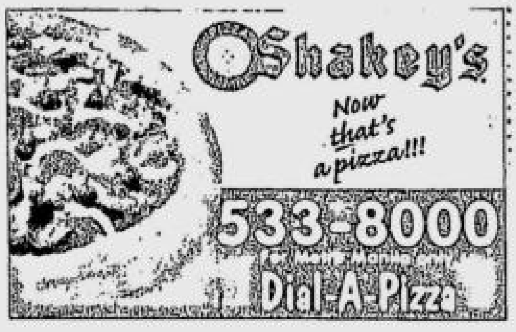

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Shelter for abused women marks 7th year

THE HAVEN in Alabang celebrated its seventh anniversary Sept. 30, with the participation of clients, staff members, social workers, congressional spouses and celebrity guests.

Manay Gina de Venecia, wife of Speaker Jose de Venecia and

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MANAY Gina and her *kumare*, Kris Aquino

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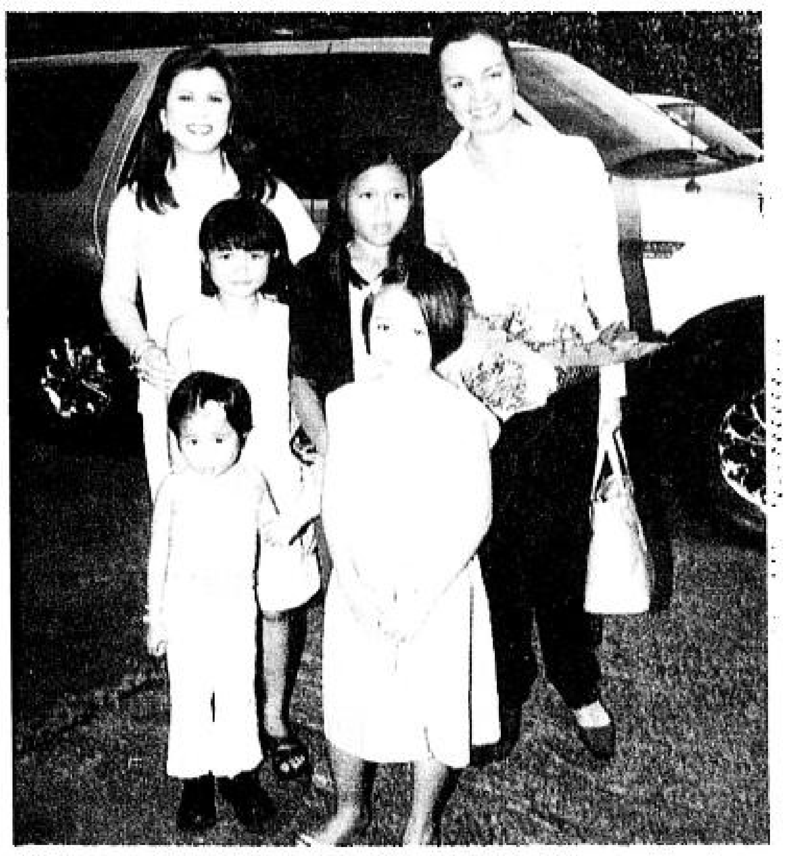
president of the Congressional Spouses Foundation Inc. (CSFI), built the institution seven years ago and is its main benefactor.

In her speech, De Venecia proudly announced that since 1995, when the first Haven was opened, 15 more centers for women have been built in the country.

Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office chair Honeygirl de Leon, who was also present, promised to provide an ambulance for the center. Speaker De Venecia himself has pledged to build five more buildings in the The Haven complex in Alabang.



CSFI prexy Gina de Venecia and former Miss Universe Margie Floirendo with the children of Marillac Hills

De Venecia also announced the ongoing construction of The Haven for Children in Muntinlupa City. The new center will help give streetchildren a better future by raising them in a family-like atmosphere.

Imelda Papin and rising star Sharmaine Santiago performed during the celebration. The Haven clients and children also did musical numbers during the program.

Special guest Kris Aquino, De Venecia's *kumare*, gave away cash prizes during a game show portion patterned after her hit game show "Game K N B?"

The Haven also received from the Philip Morris International through the Philippine Business for Social Progress Foundation, a $35,000 donation as part of the multinational's goal of helping uplift the lives of battered and abused women.

De Venecia reminded the women that The Haven was there as long as women were being abused.

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KRIS Aquino, CSFI president Gina de Venecia and PCSO chair Honeygirl de Leon with the children from Marillac Hills

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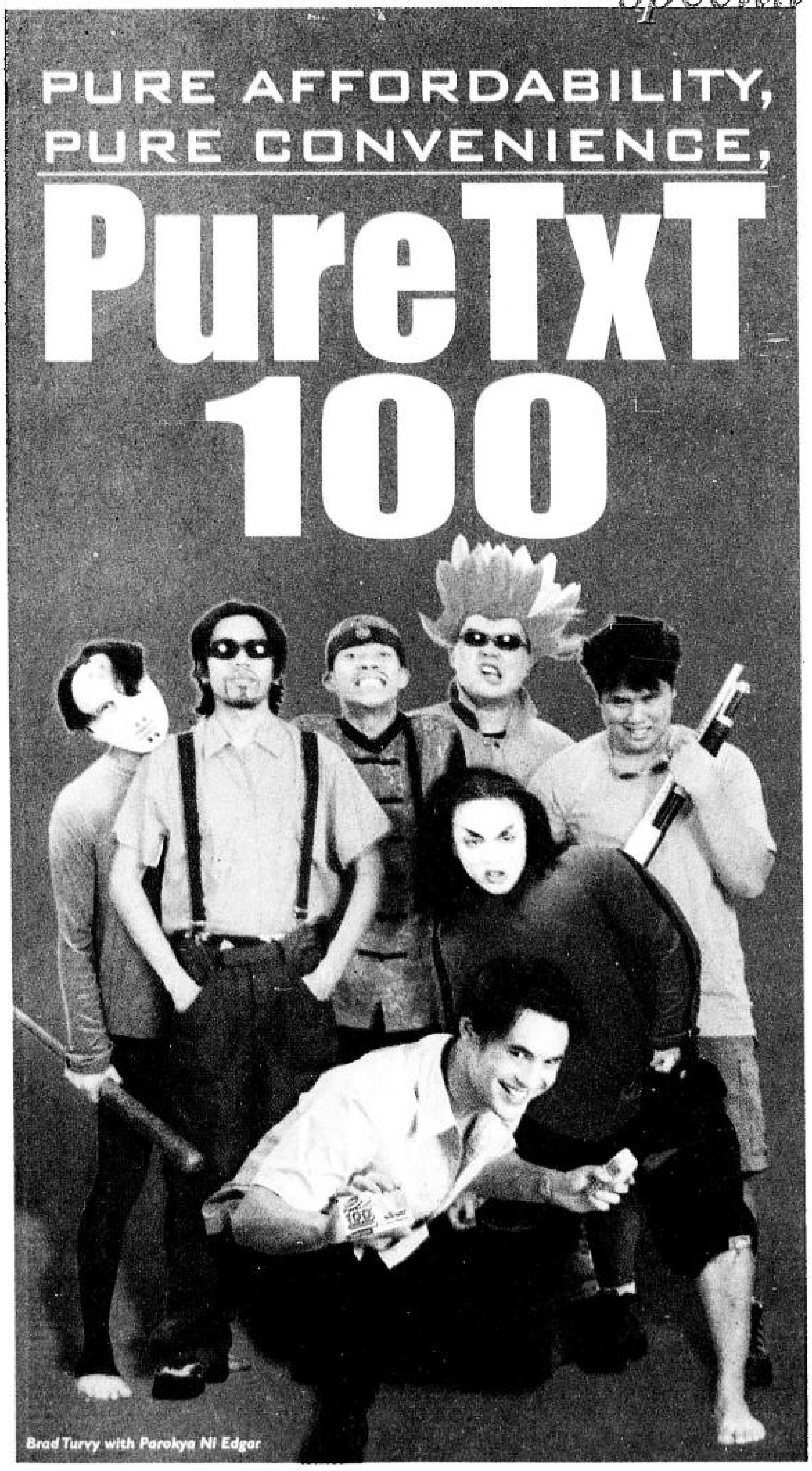

Brad Turvy with Parokya Ni Edgar

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Kathleen Reyes, a 15-year old student from Poveda, swears by Pure TxT 100. "I have to budget my weekly allowance so Pure TxT 100 really helps me keep in touch with my barkada. I can even text my kuya in Hong Kong!". In fact, Pure TxT 100 really isn't just about texting. You can still access a host of other SMART services through it, such as SMART zed and SMART Money. Download ringtones, logos and picture messages. Or reload through your celfone using SMART Money.

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DANCING AT GOLDEN ACRES. Residents of Golden Acres dance with friends of Sen. Edgardo Angara during his birthday celebration at the state-run center for abandoned and neglected senior citizens in Quezon City.

AN OUTSTANDING senior citizen from Bataan is all smiles as Senator Angara awards her with a plaque of appreciation.

10 years of Senior Citizens Law marked

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Despite several lapses in the implementation of the law and the lack of genuine state support for the country's senior citizens, the Senior Citizens Act has restored the active community life of most of the country's 6.5 million senior citizens, reliving in the process the prime of their lives.

Angara spent his birthday on Sept. 24 at the Golden Acres, a state-run center for abandoned and neglected senior citizens. The senator stayed till noon at the center for an impromptu program of singing and dancing, gift-giving and merrymaking.

As a result of the law, almost every town and city now has an active senior citizens association. Some even have a hall for their exclusive use where they can socialize, gather and plan their activities.

Close to four million senior citizens now have identification cards.

In his dialogue with senior citizens, Angara encouraged the senior citizens to help in the fight against official corruption. "You should help preserve what you have built," the senator said.

Angara also announced he was filing a new bill seeking to expand the benefits enjoyed by senior citizens. Senate Bill 2206 seeks a 20-percent discount on the water and electricity bills of senior citizens. It also seeks a 20-percent discount on funeral and burial expenses, and the exemption of senior citizens from paying the 20-percent withholding tax on the interest of their bank deposits.

THE LADIES OF GOLDEN ACRES. A group of senior citizens, their faces lined with age and marks of struggle, welcomes Senator Angara into the small social hall of the government-run home for abandoned senior citizens.

Conference to discuss modern parenting trends

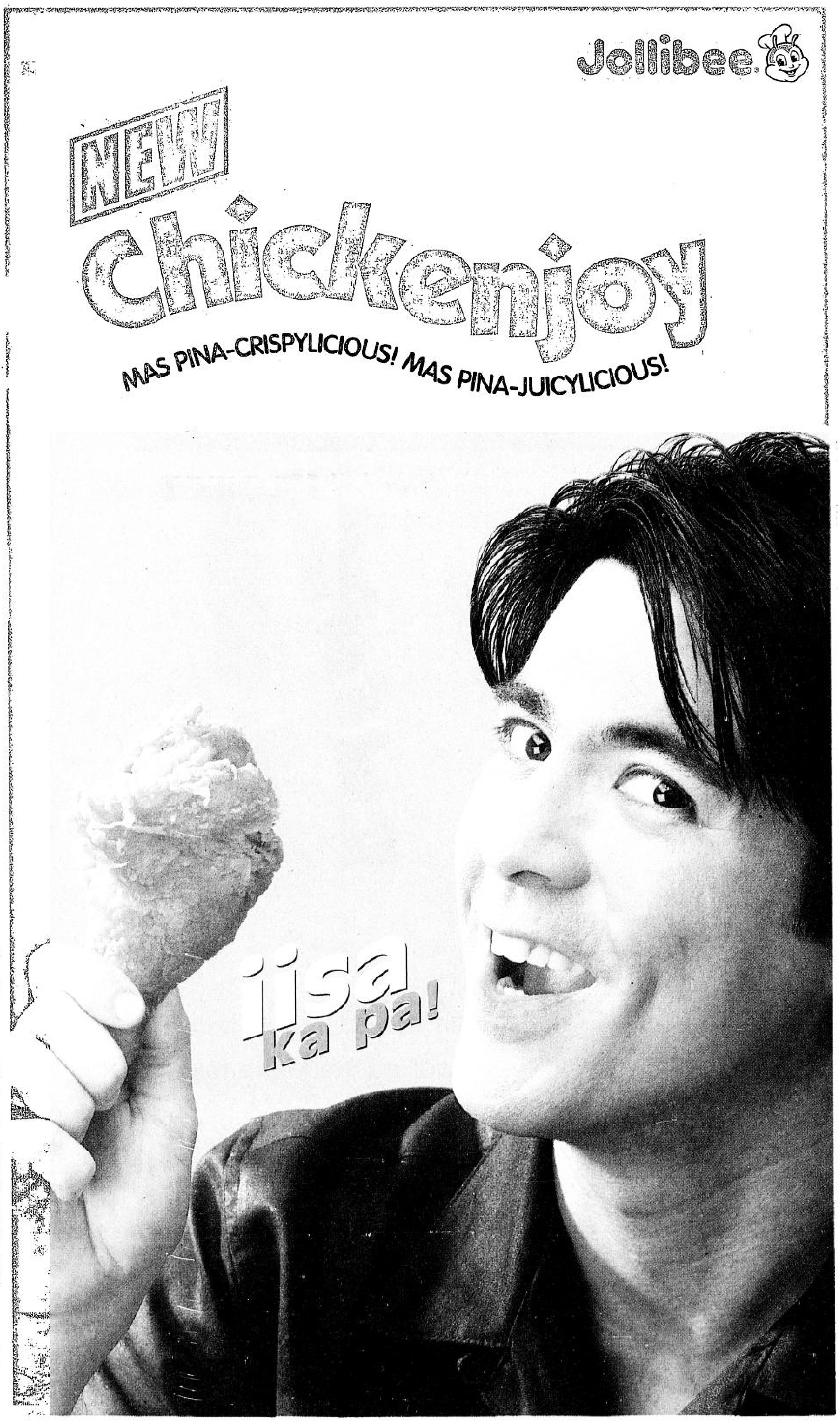
THE LITTLE Gym (TLG), a total development center for children, is inviting parents to a congress dubbed "Active Start: Parenting in the New Millennium," Oct. 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the New World Renaissance Hotel in Makati City.

TLG is owned by Helen Limcaoco, president and CEO of Just for Kids Inc.

Dr. Lourdes Ledesma, head of the division of Child Neurosciences at the Philippine Children's Medical Center, will deliver the keynote speech "EQ vs IQ: Jumpstarting Your Child's Development."

The workshops to follow will feature lectures by, among others, Ma. Dolores Tanseco-del Rosario and Cynthia Gavino on "Raising Productive Children: Disciplining Issues for Different Age Groups"; Vina Relucio on "Non-Traditional Families"; and Dr. Alicia Bustos-Orosa on "Raising Readers: Developing Literacy." Other resource persons are Michelle Lichauco (Choosing a School for Your Child), director of Young Creative Minds Learning and Activity Center; education consultant Maricar Gustilo-de Ocampo (Schools that Work for Our Filipino Children), and TLG Alabang gym director Erwin Citra (Active Start).

Call The Little Gym at 815-1735 and 79 (Makati), 637-2436 and 64 (Mandaluyong), 850-4060 and 61 (Alabang), or 929-9018 (QC).



10 years of Senior Citizens Law marked

ACT OF ENDEARMENT. A senior citizen of Bataan gets a hug from Sen. Edgardo Angara at the aisle of the Bataan People's Center.

THE SENIOR Citizens Act, also known as the Angara Law, after its author and principal sponsor, Sen. Edgardo J. Angara, is now 10 years old.

The landmark law grants senior citizens a 20-percent discount on food and medicine purchases, transport fares, and movie and entertainment tickets. It also promotes the active participation of senior citizens in community life and civil affairs to make their lives productive and fulfilling.

The first decade of the Angara Law was celebrated as the nation marked the Elderly Week from Oct. 1 to 7.

For the author of the law, it was a week of stock-taking, of looking back at the past 10 years. Angara participated in some of the activities for the Elderly Week in Manila, Bataan and Zambales.

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SENATOR Angara, assisted by a beaming Gov. Leonardo "Ding" Roman, awards a plaque to an outstanding senior citizen of Bataan.

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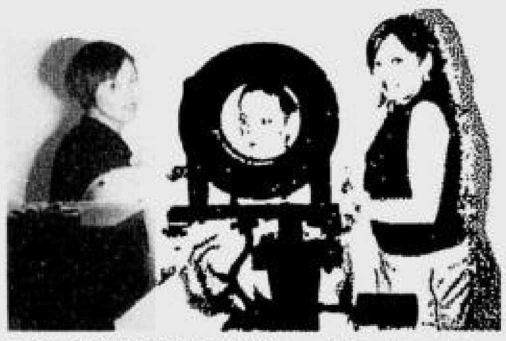
TERRIFIC TANDEM. Xeng Zulueta and Tina Tinio of Shu Uemura behind the scenes

Shifting pretty

By Tim Yap

IN TOM Ford's compilation of the black-and-white photos of the notorious celebrity paparazzi Ron Gallela, he says that the difference between Gallela's famous photographs and the images that we see now was that beauty before had more rawness. He adds that, nowadays, when we see a spontaneous image of somebody who seems like she just woke up, "chances are, it's the work of a good stylist."

The age-old question of whether beauty is something one is born with or something that can be acquired has been bugging us since the time of Pygmalion. We thrive in a world where everything, from fame to coffee, can be made in an instant and, with the snap of a finger, your first 15 minutes may be due.

Members of our beauty-obsessed media jostle one another for a piece of the beautiful—through photo shoots, magazine covers, society columns and "it" lists. The media chronicle the "now" version of aesthetic perfection. Beauty is obviously an addiction.

The quest for beauty may seem pretentious and superficial. But the art of beauty is all about looking deeper and seeing what is beyond.

Journey

I was lucky enough to indulge in the journey of beauty when Shu Uemura, to launch its mode makeup collection, joined forces with maquillage masters Henri Calayag, Lala Flores, Jing Monis, Juan Sarte III and the house's very own Xeng Zulueta to transform five of Manila's most prominent faces into art.

With a battalion of cutting-edge stylists, the artists went to work on their fine canvases, each representing a different sphere in the beauty universe. Monis transformed Kitkat Zobel's classic Filipina looks into a sexy and edgy vision. "There's a new kind of glamour cropping up on runways and real life. A kind of glamour that's not too studied, that's real—that is not glossed to perfection—raw glamour," says Monis of his look, which was bare yet glamorous. "We wanted to expose skin, but glam up everything else," says stylist Tracie Anglo.

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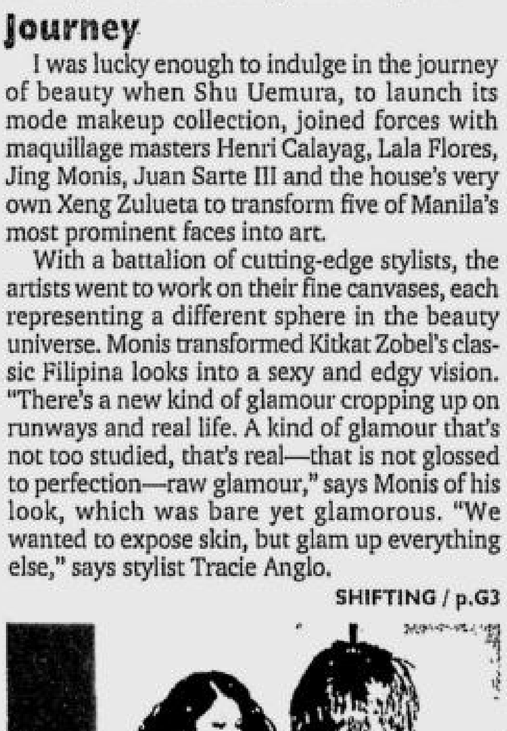
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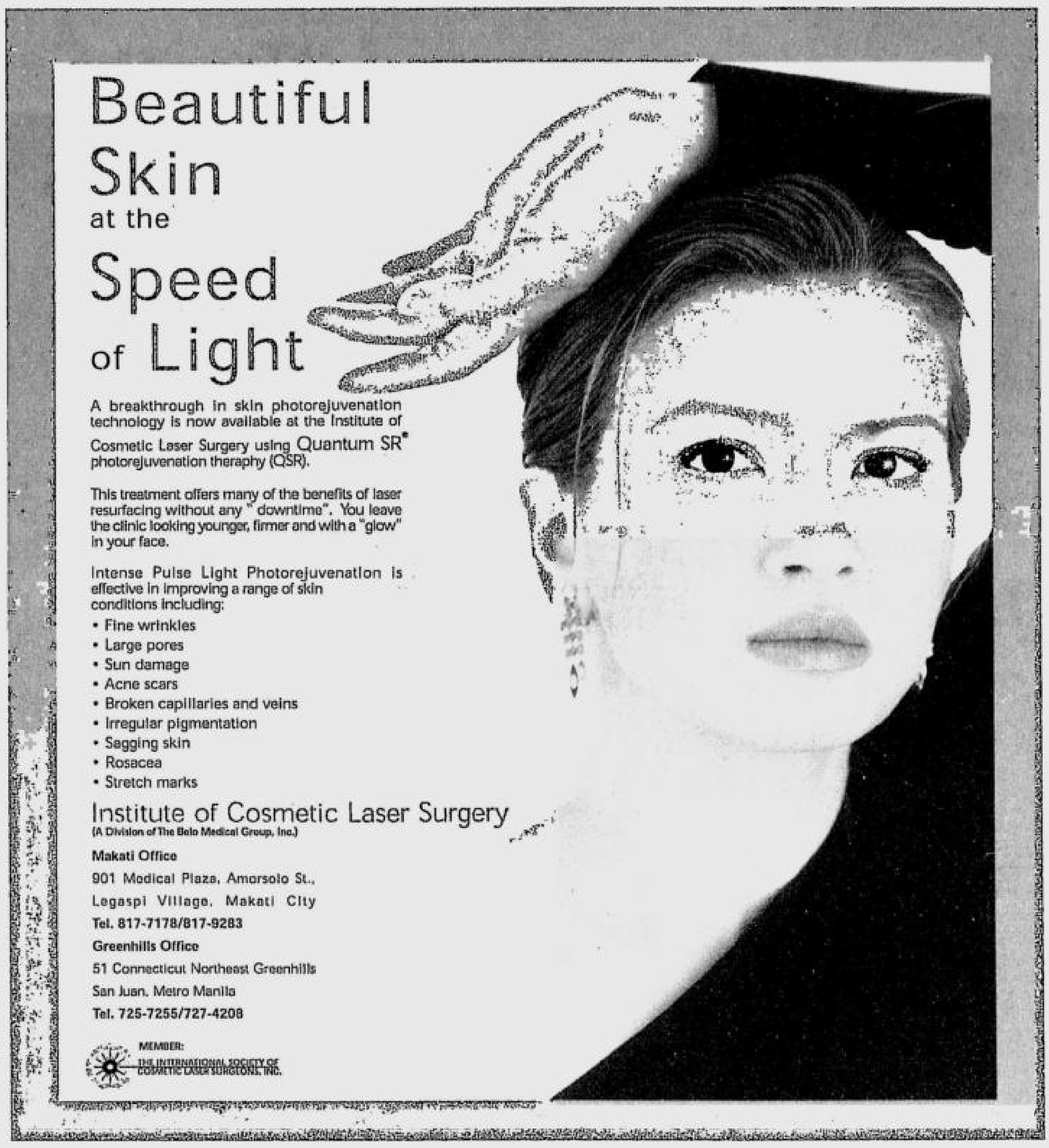
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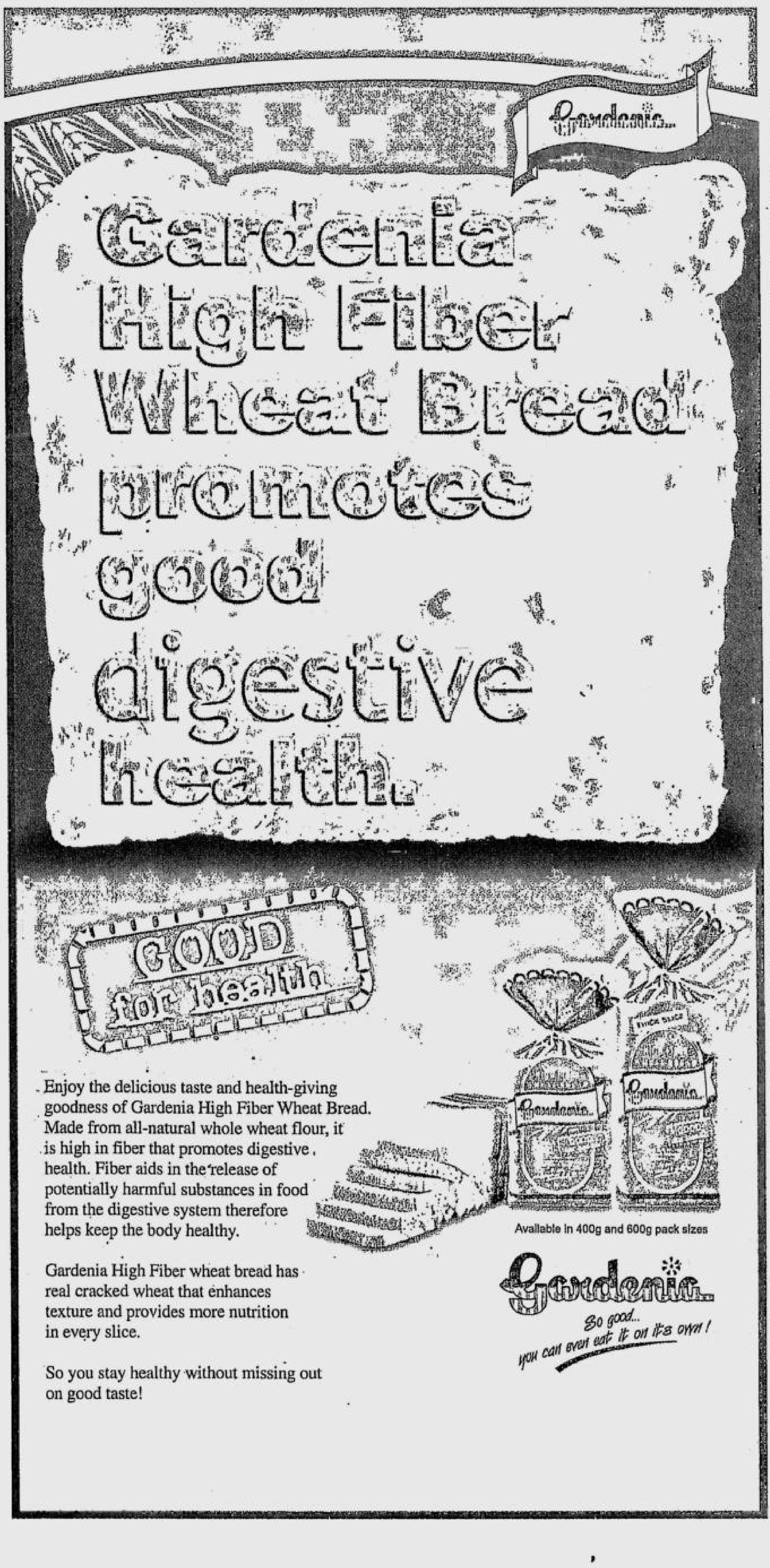
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Fiber-rich foods are often low in fat and calories, promote satiety and therefore, weight loss, Fiber also binds lipids such as cholesterol and carries these out of the body. Thus reducing the risk of heart and artery disease. Dietary fiber has also beneficial effects on glucose and insulin modulation, hence it helps to manage diabetes. Foods made from whole grains, like high fiber wheat bread, are excellent sources of dietary fiber.

The Nutritionist- Dietitians Association of the Philippines (NDAP) maintains that a diet high in fiber, combined with plenty of fluid intake and exercise, can keep the body trim, healthy and productive.

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TEAM Philippines cheer on from the bleachers during the RP vs China basketball game.

'Hala, bira!' Busan!

Text and photos by Anne A. Jambora

The Philippines may have lost most of the gold, but its cheerers have won Korea's heart

THEY came. They cheered. They conquered.

Their indefatigable spirits soared to the sky like a rocketship on its first journey to the moon, determined and unrelenting. Come low or high scores, the 35-strong Team Philippines cheering squad in the recent 14th Asian Games in Busan, South Korea, danced, cheered and kept a sharp fighting stance despite the odds.

It is no accident that these youngsters earned momentary fame—signed autographs, asked for photo-ops, landed in Korean newspapers—and transcended racial barriers.

Others even became heartthrobs of sorts, sending Korean hearts reeling with wild anticipation and struggling with pickup lines. A few dogged Koreans even wrote them love letters—in Korean, naturally.

"*Malakas ang patok* [*nila*] *sa mga* Koreano," says La Sallian Kathlenn Gaw, squad member.

All that fuss even if the team usually performed on the bleachers and did their routines outside the stadiums. They received invites for special performances, one at the Busan city hall, no less.

"*'Pag nakita sa* TV *'yung tao parang artista na.* [So] every time there are games, *ang daming nagpapa*-autograph, *pa*-picture," says UP graduating student Paula de la Llana.

Weeks earlier, the Philippine Sports Commission hosted "Puspusan sa Busan," a competition among college cheering squads to determine which among them would carry the nation's banner in the Asian Games. This was the first time the Philippines sent a cheering squad for a major sports event abroad.

Chosen ones

Sixteen were chosen from the University of the Philippines, nine from De La Salle University, six from University of Sto. Tomas, three from Mapua Institute of Technology and one from St. Jude College. Since they came from competing schools, fresh from the UAAP madness, all set their differences aside and united as a team.

Sponsored by Samsung Electronics, official partner of the Asian Games, the cheerers barely had a week to practice, let alone get to know each other, before flying to Korea. With little time on their hands, they improvised the cheers and routines.

For instance, "Go, La Salle! Go, go La Salle!" was changed to "Go, Pinoy! Go, go Pinoy!"; "Go, Unibersidad ng Pilipinas!" to "Go, Republika ng Pilipinas!"; and "Go, Uste!" to "Go, Pinoy!"

The big surprise happened on their first day in Busan, when they were asked to do a 20-minute cheer-and-dance performance for the cultural night, something not listed on the itinerary.

Since the team was earlier informed they had to only cheer and shout, they suddenly found themselves inside a public gymnasium, cramming on a routine they were not prepared to do. But like the seasoned cheerleaders that they were, they managed to put on an unforgettable show.

"[I'll] remember this [experience] for the rest of my life," says De la Llana.

Catherine Mendoza, another senior from UP, says nothing could have stopped her from representing the Philippines, "*Sobrang malaking* honor *para sa akin.*"

"GO, Republika ng Pilipinas!"

Braving challenges

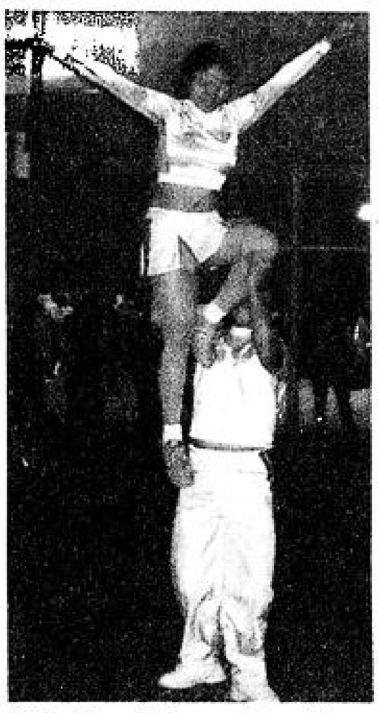
Despite the pressure of an upcoming final exams back home, no one had second thoughts about saying yes to this rare opportunity. Each managed to juggle time for studies, practice, performance, shopping, and night-outs—not necessarily in that order—especially since everyone promised Mom and Dad not to flunk any subject this semester. The consequence: staying awake at night to study, squeezing in time for practice and screaming their lungs out during performance—day or night, every day.

The biggest challenge, it seemed, was keeping their voices in tip-top shape. The UP team, for instance, was not used to shouting and was more comfortable with dancing or playing the drums.

"We're not used to being part of the crowd, so that's something we had to adjust to," De la Llana says.

Braving the balmy Busan weather was another story. It was a feat for the hot-blooded tropical souls to perform in skimpy clothing on a daytime temperature of 14°C that dropped to less than 10°C in the evening. As Busan is a coastal city, the omnipresent biting breeze was sheer torture.

"*Nasanay na kaming lahat. Kahit paos na, sigaw lang nang sigaw,*" La Salle's Ginno Joaquin says.



"GO, Pinoy! Go, go Pinoy!"

(For this shoot that took place one chilly evening, the cheerleaders jumped and ran around the place to keep their bodies warm while waiting for us. We were late.)

But how did they keep the energy up every day for different events, especially when the country's performance was depressingly low?

"I think it's already part of our personality, an innate character in all of us [to cheer]," says De la Llana. "We are all part of different cheering squads, [and] it's part of our job to keep the energy [level high]."

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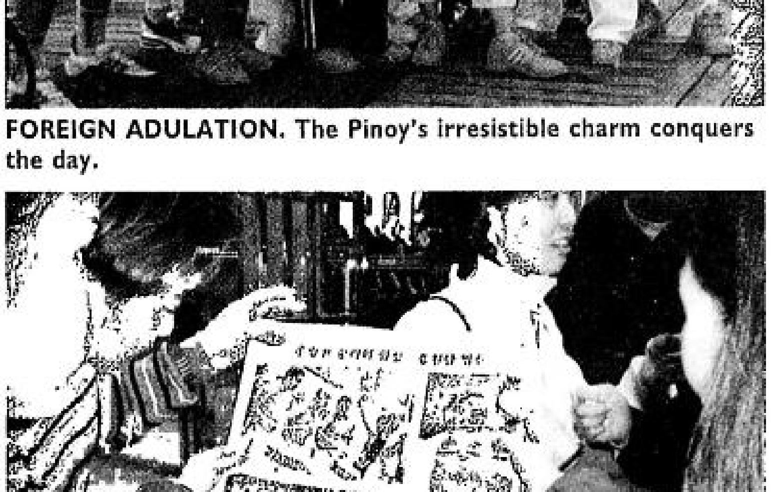

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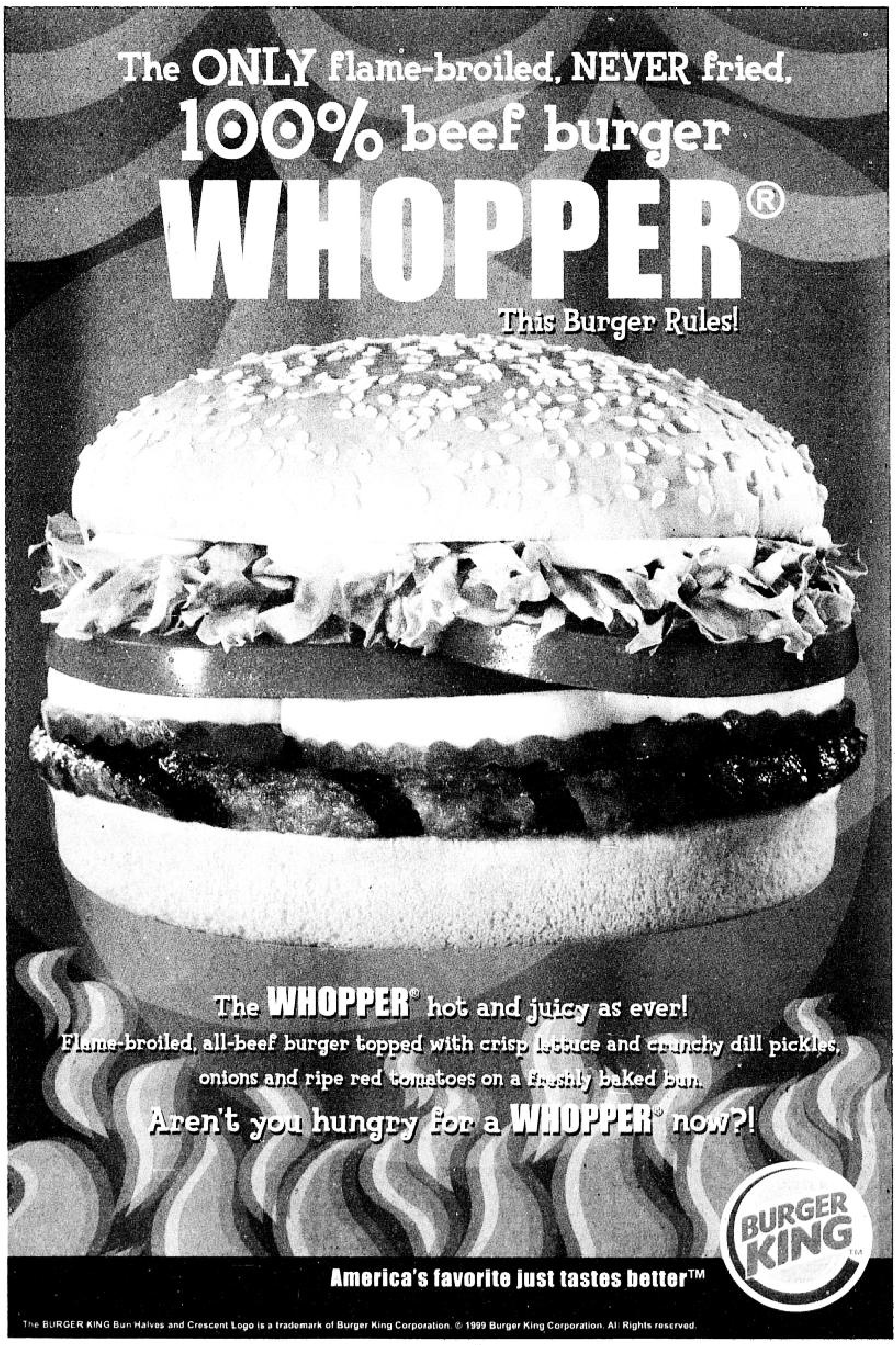

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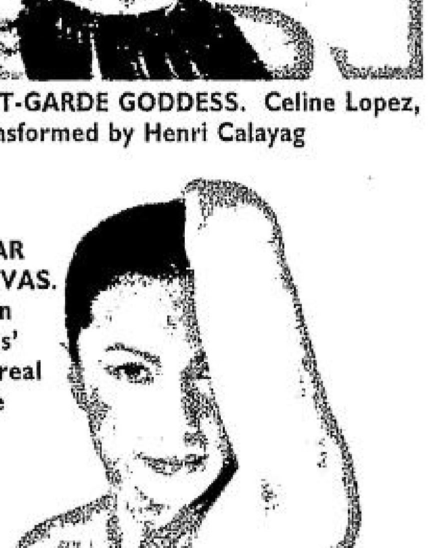

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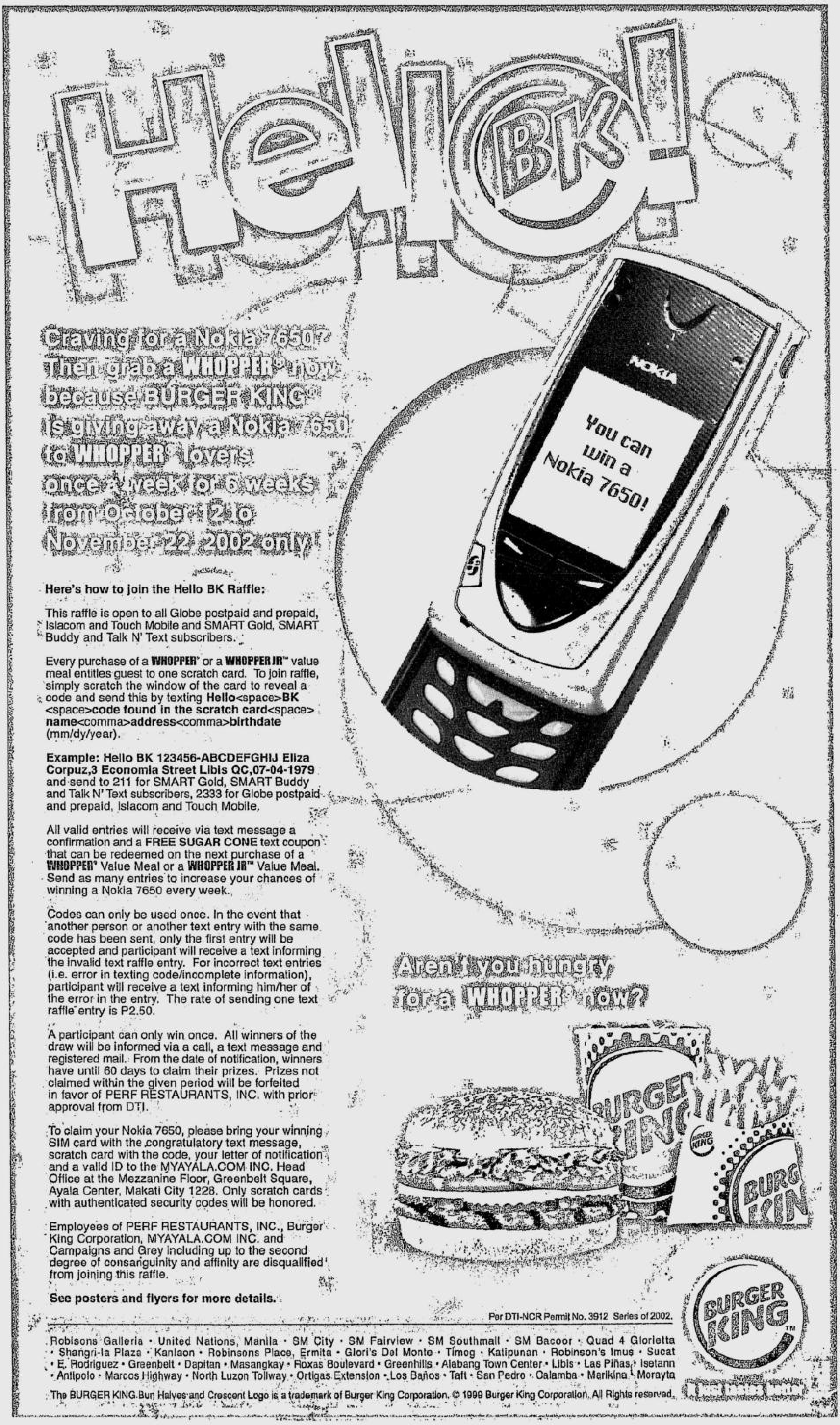

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Job Market is the Inquirer's classified ads section devoted exclusively for recruitment ads. An independent pullout section that comes free with the Inquirer every Sunday in Metro Manila, it is the first of its kind in classified advertising in the Philippines. For seven years now, Job Market has proven to be a more intelligent alternative recruitment tool with features and added services that no other recruitment medium can offer.

The Inquirer Job Market now offers career information and advice in addition to its classified recruitment ads. For job seekers to succeed in their job search, they need information on job vacancies and companies as well as advice on job hunting—from passing job interviews, developing good grooming and other tips. Jobholders who are looking for better opportunities can also get ideas from this section for their career growth.

The new service is provided by a Sunday edition of People at Work which is back to back with the Job Market. People at Work is Philippine Daily Inquirer's newest subsection of the Business Section published every Wednesday. Starting today, it becomes part of your Sunday reading fare as Sunday People at Work.

Together, Sunday People at Work and Job Market will provide the best values and the most exciting opportunities for jobholders and job seekers alike. Using this same power-packed combination, its online twin, INQ7 Interactive's www.jobmarketonline.com offers similar fare for the computer-savvy. This job site features current People at Work articles and carries an archive of past articles. It also highlights the hottest eight top companies on a hiring mode.

While the Wednesday edition brings you information and advice on the nitty gritty of work, the ins and outs of business, the ups and downs of cubicle life, the Sunday issue will provide you with reflections on the deeper side of work, tickle your funny (work) bones with the lighter side of your careers, and tool you up with leading edge workplace survival technology.

During this much-needed pause in the week before the next round of hectic workdays, Sunday People at Work will help working people—and all those eager to join the work world—to learn from the past week's lessons, put the problems encountered at work and at home in a better perspective, and gear up for the coming week's grueling tasks.

People at Work was first published last May 31, 2000 as a joint project of the editorial and marketing groups to address the concerns of a huge chunk of Inquirer's readers—the work force. Its purpose is to bring people—and life—to the otherwise cut-and-dried routine of business and work.

SYKES℠

With more than 40 call centers worldwide, Sykes is a global leader in providing customer and technical support services for many of the world's best known companies. From its Manila Call center, Sykes currently supports almost 20 clients in 8 languages, handling the transactions throughout Asia, Europe and the USA.

Due to it's current expansion, Sykes is currently looking for **TECHNICAL SUPPORT ENGINEERS** and **CUSTOMER SERVICE ENGINEERS** for our various Project Accounts.

Customer Service Representative - Cable TV Industry (CSR-CTV)

- Graduate of any college course (ECE, EE degree is an advantage)
- High technology or telecommunications, cable industry knowledge such as PST, DBS, and DirectTV, PBT, Cable Television, Retail network, and service upgrades is an advantage
- Experience in previous Cable TV company is also an advantage
- Works well under pressure to resolve issues, achieve goals and objectives
- Willingness to listen and assist customers to their needs
- Motivated to serve customers through effective interaction
- Proficient in use of e-mail with strong typing skills; knowledgeable in word processing software and Excel; basic knowledge of web technology and the Internet
- Fluent in English and excellent business writing skills
- Excellent working attitude, flexible and has the ability to perform multi-tasks
- Possess excellent communication skills and willing to work on shifting schedules

Customer Service Representatives – Asian Languages (CSR – Asian Lang)

- College graduate of any 4 or 5 year course
- Strong customer service orientation and willing to work on shifting schedule
- Has working knowledge on the Internet and other computer applications; knowledge on Macromedia products, an advantage
- Fluent in any of the following language:
  - Mandarin
  - Japanese
  - Cantonese
  - Korean

Technical Support Engineers (TSE)

- Graduate of any college course preferably Computer Science, Computer Engineering or any computer-related courses
- Knowledgeable in basic hardware and software troubleshooting and networking
- Familiar with the different Operating Systems (Windows, Linux, Macintosh)
- Excellent reading comprehension skills, problem solving and data analysis skills
- Has the ability to absorb and utilize complex information
- Has initiative, an eye for detail and excellent customer service skills
- Basic knowledge of web technology and the Internet
- Fluent in English and excellent business writing skills
- Willing to work on shifting and night schedule

Implementation Manager (IM)

- Graduate of any 4 or 5 year course
- At least 2 years management experience, preferably gained in a call center environment
- Specialize on hands on implementation of account
- Transitions the account from implementation phase to sustaining phase to the appointed Account Manager
- Analytical, logical and possesses strong people management skills
- Proactive, assertive and can work under pressure
- Good in documentation and implementation of process/project scheduler
- Proficient in PC applications (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Willing to work on shifting schedule, as required

Customer Service Representatives – European Languages (CSR – Euro Lang)

- College graduate of any 4 or 5 year course
- Strong customer service orientation and willing to work on shifting schedule
- Has working knowledge on the Internet and other computer applications; knowledge on Macromedia products, an advantage
- Fluent in any of the following language:
  - Spanish
  - French
  - Italian
  - German
  - Portuguese

Customer Service Representatives for Finance (CSR-Fin)

- Graduate of any college course preferably Accounting or Financial Management or any Business-related courses
- Work experience in Stock Brokerage, Portfolio Management and Financial Services, an advantage
- Excellent reading comprehension skills, problem solving and data analysis skills
- Has the ability to absorb and utilize complex information
- Has initiative, an eye for detail and excellent customer service skills
- Basic knowledge of web technology and the Internet
- Fluent in English and excellent business writing skills
- Willing to work on night schedule

Customer Service Representatives (CSR)

- Graduate of any 4 or 5 year course
- Minimum of 12 months work experience in a customer service environment, 6 months experience in a call center industry preferred
- Proficient in use of e-mail with strong typing skills; knowledgeable in word processing software and Excel
- Basic knowledge of web technology and the Internet
- Fluent in English and excellent business writing skills
- Willing to work on shifting schedule

Technical Support Engineer – Networking Support (TSE-NET)

- Graduate of any college course preferably Computer Science, Computer Engineering or any computer-related courses
- Minimum of two 2 years work experience in networking configuration field preferably with knowledge in Dial technologies, TCP/IP, ISDN and PPP protocol
- Experience in data communications and network installations
- Knowledge in WAN technologies such as CSU/DSU's, Frame relay with experience in network security including Radius and TACACS with extensive troubleshooting skills
- Cisco certification, preferably with CCNA certification an advantage
- Works well under pressure to resolve issues, achieve goals and objectives
- Motivated to serve customers through effective interaction
- Fluent in English and excellent business writing skills
- Excellent working attitude, flexible and has the ability to perform multi-tasks
- Willing to work on shifting schedules

Customer Service Representative for Travel Agency (CSR-Travel)

- Graduate of any 4 year course related in Tourism, International Studies, Hotel and Restaurant or any related courses
- At least 1 year experience in a travel agency, airline, hotel or any related experience
- Proficient with at least 2 reservation systems (Abacus, Amadeus, Galileo, PACERS)
- Proficient in use of e-mail with strong typing skills; knowledgeable in word processing software and Excel
- Basic knowledge of web technology and the Internet
- Fluent in English and excellent business writing skills
- Willing to work on night schedule

Database Administrator – (Dbase)

- Graduate of any college course preferably Computer Science, Computer Engineering or any computer-related courses
- Strong MS SQL 7.0/2000 background with minimum of 1 year hands on experience. Preferably with knowledge on the following languages; Visual Basic, Active Server Pages (ASP), XML and HTML
- Knowledge on other database application is a plus (Informix, MSAccess, Oracle, etc).
- With at least 1 Database Training and/or Certification Exam Taken and/or Attended
- Knowledgeable in Windows 2K or NT applications
- Must be a Team player, customer service oriented and willing to work on extended hours
- Excellent working attitude, flexible and has the ability to perform multi-tasks
- Can work with minimum supervision

Sales Support Officer – (SSO)

- Graduate of any 4 or 5 year course preferably in Business, Marketing or any related field
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Very high level of business writing skill
- Computer skills (e.g. Microsoft Word, Excel, etc.)
- At least 2 years of marketing or customer relations experience
- Experience writing documents for a variety of audiences
- Presentation experience preferred
- Attention to detail; flexible approach and eagerness to learn
- Ability to analyze and interpret information
- Creative and possess good organizational skills
- Willing to work on shifting schedule, as required

HR Training Officer – (Train-Off)

- Graduate of any 4 year course preferably in Psychology, Behavioral Science or the equivalent
- At least 3 years Training experience, preferably gained in a call center environment
- Must be able to create and design training modules/programs
- Proactive, assertive and can work under pressure
- Attention to detail; flexible approach and eagerness to learn with knowledge on BKM (Best known practices)
- Ability to analyze and interpret information
- Proficient in PC applications (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Willing to work on shifting schedule

HR Recruitment Manager – (Rec-Man)

- Graduate of Psychology, Behavioral Science or the equivalent
- Master's degree is an advantage
- Minimum 5 years related experience in Recruitment and Selection and people management
- 1 year related experience in a Call Center industry
- Knowledgeable in all Human Resource functions
- Experience with Negotiation and Diplomacy
- Creative in sourcing for candidates and possess good leadership skills
- Proficient in PC applications (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Willing to work on shifting schedule, as required

As these are URGENT position vacancies, qualified applicants are encouraged to send their updated CV's with a photocopy of their Transcript of Records to: SYKES ASIA, INC., 26F Robinson's Summit Building, Ayala Ave., Makati City or e-mail these to hrd@man.ph.sykes.com.

Visit http://www.sykes.com for more information about the Company.

URGENTLY NEEDED

Isis-International Manila, an international women's information and communication service organisation based in Quezon City, is currently in search of FEMALE applicants who will join its dynamic and motivated team belonging to the Information, Documentation and Resources Programme (IDRP) for the following positions:

PROGRAMME ASSOCIATE

(a regular position)

Primary Functions

- production of information materials for Isis' Resource Centre, which are based on environmental scanning and data summaries
- maintenance and updating of physical catalogues for WILMA (Web-Enabled Isis Library Management Automation System)
- provision of research and documentation support to IDRP staff

Essential Skills

- at least TWO TO THREE years experience in research and documentation
- strong writing and verbal communication skills in English;
- strong research skills
- knowledgeable in Resource Centre or Library work, including but not limited to indexing, cataloguing, and databasing
- good computer skills (internet, e-mail, routine database activities, word processing, spreadsheet, power point presentation, pagemaker or microsoft publishing

Desirable Skills

- ability to work with a team
- knowledgeable on the management information systems (MIS);
- basic training skills related to infocom technologies
- ability to administer TNA and evaluation tools and instruments
- knowledgeable on basic web design
- knowledgeable on and experience in the women's movement
- knowledgeable on NGOs and development processes

DATABASE OFFICER

(with a limited 2-year contract)

Primary Functions

- development, maintenance, and expansion of searchable directory and databases of key and emerging groups and networks involved in issue-based advocacy needed for WILMA and Human Resource (HURES) data banks
- development, maintenance and updating of distribution list for Isis published materials'
- development and maintenance of Isis' internet public access service

Essential Skills

- at least THREE TO FOUR years experience in database development and management
- strong writing and verbal communication skills in English;
- strong research skills
- advanced computer skills (internet, e-mail, database programming, word processing, spreadsheet)

Desirable Skills

- ability to work with a team
- knowledgeable on the management information systems (MIS);
- basic training skills related to infocom technologies
- ability to administer TNA and evaluation tools and instruments
- knowledgeable on and experience in the women's movement
- knowledgeable on NGOs and development processes

Interested parties may send resumés with two reference letters not later than Friday, November 8, 2002 to:

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
#3 Marunong Street, Brgy. Central
Quezon City 1100 Philippines
Fax (632) 924-1065

FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT

COLLECTION SUPERVISOR

- Male
- Accounting graduate
- Not more than 35 years old
- At least 5 years experience in colleciton and finance
- Computer literate, preferably Microsoft Excel, Powerpoint
- Excellent in oral and written communications
- Excellent interpersonal skills

The successful applicant shall receive an annual compensation package of Php 146,600 exclusive of benefits. Interested parties may send their resumé with 2x2 photo, transcript of records to:

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c/o Philippine Daily Inquirer
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2/F Admin Office, Tutuban Centermall, C.M. Recto Avenue, Manila

We are a multinational company engaged in Real Estate and Development. Currently, we are in need of competent people to fill in the following positions:

SALES AUDITOR

- 20-28 years old
- Accounting graduate; preferably CPA
- With experience in spreadsheets and audit works
- Willing to work long hours under minimum supervision
- Will be responsible for regular audit of sales books of all percentage tenants
- Will provide analysis of sales performance

BILLING ASSISTANT

- 20-25 years old
- Business course graduate
- Should have at least one year relevant work experience
- Will be responsible on all phases of billing for special areas such as Night Market, Exhibits and Temporary Warehouse/Storage

BUILDING ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

- 24-28 years old
- Business course graduate, preferably major in Management
- Should have at least two years experience in property or building administration
- Will be responsible for proper housekeeping and maintenance of surrounding and for handling various tenants' concerns

PURCHASING ASSISTANT

- 20-25 years old
- Preferably Mechanical or Electrical Engineering graduate
- Should have a flair for details and is highly organized
- Will provide assistance in purchasing technical materials/ equipment

WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR

- Male, 24-30 years old
- Business course or Engineering graduate
- With two years supervisory experience in Warehousing
- Will handle inventory, planning and control, records management and disposal of scrap materials

All applicants must have good written and oral communication skills and should be computer literate. Ability to speak in Chinese is an advantage.

If you think you are the one we are looking for, you may email your resume at tpi_hrd@compass.com.ph or send it to the above address. You may also call us at 2511661 for more details. Compensation shall be justly commensurate to qualifications.

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- Inventory control, recording and monthly cylinder report-generation
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- Maintenance of accurate and updated records conducting reconciliation of customers cylinder holdings ensuring accuracy of records
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- Retrieval of under utilized cylinders
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His/Her group shall be accountable for providing quality support services and excellent customer service levels to internal and external customers and will work closely with the Commercial & Customer Service Center Manager on commercial issues.

Required Education/Skills/Experience:

The ideal candidate will most likely have an Industrial Engineering / Logistics or Commercial / Financial background, show attention to detail and be able to demonstrate the achievement of considerable results in their current employment.

Whilst being assertive, you will be customer focused and a good negotiator. Also, will be able to effectively manage and motivate your department and have the excellent inter-personal skills necessary to work with other department to ensure a smooth and efficient business.

We also require him/her to have a thorough working knowledge of the software programs: MS WORD, EXCEL and POWERPOINT plus, excellent communication, organizational, and written skills. Driver's license and driving experience preferred.

COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT

Responsibilities:

Reporting directly to the Commercial & Customer Services Manager, and working with the sales team, the Commercial Assistants are responsible for maintaining and updating the customer contracts database to ensure compliance to commercial terms and renewal dates. Other vital roles include maitenance of pricing policies, monitoring compliance and ensuring that facility and cylinder rentals are effectively managed.

Qualifications:

- Not more than 26 years old
- Finance or Economics graduate, experience in a commercial role would be an advantage
- Proven capacity to work effectively on a variety of task in a demanding and fast paced environment
- A mature judgment and ability to work in minimum supervision
- With excellent command of the English language both written and oral
- With pleasing personality
- Honest, proactive, dynamic and goal oriented
- Computer literate (Word, Excel and Powerpoint)

If you're the person we're looking for, please submit letter of intent to:

Human Resources Division
Consolidated Industrial Gases, Inc. Sheridan Street, Mandaluyong City
Email Address: sol.himan@cigi.com.ph

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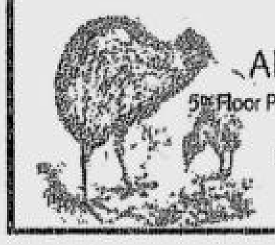

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- computer literate
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- customer service oriented

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- college degree
- computer literate
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- dependable

PROGRAMMERS

- graduate of BS Computer Science
- proficient in programming, SQL and relational databases
- strong analytical skills and fast learner
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- experience in software development is a plus

Interested parties may fax their resumés to 411-2614

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(3) SALES ENGINEERS

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. College graduate, with 2 years experience in selling Telecom Equipment
2. With excellent communication skills
3. With knowledge in microwave radios, cellular equipment and telecom hardware and software systems
4. Must have experience in dealing with key people in the telecom industry

Due to the urgency of our requirements, interested applicants are requested to apply in person or send through fax their comprehensive resumé with 2x2 ID pictures to:

ASIAN HIGH TECHNOLOGY CORP.
Guevent Building,
#49 Libertad Street
Mandaluyong City
Fax No. 531-0422
E-mail: ahtc@globenet.com.ph

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

College graduate, major in Service Marketing. Has a minimum of 3 years work experience in a Customer-oriented company managing Corporate Accounts. Has excellent people-skills and has managed relationships with Foreign Clients. Has relevant experience in business process analysis.

AUTO & SYSTEMS MANAGER

CPA, at least 2 years experience in similar position. Well versed in risk management, internal control, policy formulation, financial reporting and regulatory issues. Excellent communication and human relations skills. Experience in logistics and ship management industries an advantage.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

College graduate, major in Marketing. Excellent English written and oral communications. Has a pleasing personality and excellent public presentation skills. Very good in business research.

QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER

College graduate and able to work on multiple projects simultaneously. Must have conducted performance evaluation or quality assurance work experience in an off shore-call center environment.

FINANCIAL ANALYST

CPA, minimum of 3 years of relevant accounting or budget work experience and/or 1-2 years of Corporate Finance work experience. Technically proficient in Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint. Good communications, presentation and interpersonal skills.

TRAINING OFFICER

College graduate with teaching or training background. Preferably with experience in developing, conducting and evaluating training programs in a call center services environment. Must possess excellent presentation, interpersonal and communication skills.

TELEMARKETING SERVICE REP.

College graduate with a good command of written and spoken English. Has a cheerful and vibrant work attitude. Telemarketing or sales experience is an advantage.

TEAM SUPERVISOR

College graduate preferably with Marketing units. Mastery of the English language with at least 2 years experience in handling people in telemarketing or sales. Must be results-driven.

RECRUITMENT OFFICER

Psychology graduate with 2 years experience in HR function, 1 year experience in massive recruitment. Has great people skills. Excellent in presentation and communication skills.

JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT

Preferably a CPA. Proficient in MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, MS Word and other MS applications. Has good interpersonal skills, communication skills and can render work with minimum supervision.

COLLECTIONS ANALYST

College graduate with relevant fields of study in finance, accounting or pre-law. Good knowledge of US regulations relative to the collections industry (e.g. FDCPA, harassment, etc.). Experience in consumer banking or insurance is a must. Possess good judgment; excellent negotiation skills; ability to analyze and solve problems. Proficient in written and spoken English. Willing to work on graveyard and shifting schedules.

DEALER-COORDINATOR

Graduate of any 4 year course; 2-3 years experience in retail selling and loves to do fieldwork. Has excellent time management and organization skills. A wide network of distributors or resellers and experience in the Information Technology field would be a great advantage.

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Interested applicants are requested to submit their comprehensive resumes with 2 recent ID photos on or before *31 October 2002* to:

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- Supervisory experience of a large team
- At least 5 years experience in project management with an international, governmental or non-governmental organizations
- Capable of working within inter-cultural environment
- Excellent office administration and organizational skills
- Excellent computer and desktop publishing skills using Microsoft applications
- Applicants with study and/or working experience in Germany would be welcome

Deadline for applications: November 15, 2002
GTZ Office Manila
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Website: www.gtz.de/philippines

For further inquiries, please contact Mrs. El-Hage, at telephone number 8123165 or E-mail: natalija.elhage@gtz.de or in her absence Mr. Peter Klingensteiner

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- familiar with bank transactions
- proficient in oral and written communication
- proficient in computer applications such as Excel and powerpoint

BUSINESS CENTER OFFICER

Responsible for marketing and operations of the Business Center Unit.

- must be a graduate of 4 year course, business or hotel & restaurant management
- at least 3 to 5 years experience in hotel or restaurant industry
- proficient in oral and written communication
- with pleasant and dynamic personality
- Knowledge in managing a business centerfacility providing a venue for conferences, seminars and other similar functions

TRUST OPERATIONS OFFICER, TRUST OPERATIONS

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Employees' 'conscience' wins hearts, award

By Rochelle Leonor

HR FOCUS

A SINCERE desire to help people is what it takes to be an effective leader. This is the stuff Imelda Centeno is made of. The corporate vice president of United Laboratories, Inc., Centeno knows that vested interests will only ruin one's credibility. "You can't afford to have a hidden agenda other than helping your people," says Centeno. "You're supposed to be their conscience."

And it seems that she is successful in being their conscience. Centeno was recently recognized for her effectiveness in her role with an award from the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP) for Personnel Manager of the Year. It is a yearly award recognizing HR practitioners who give outstanding performance in the field.

Greatest reward

Centeno says that the greatest reward for her is when people thank her for her efforts. "My fulfillment is when I am able to develop a person," she says. Her joy is getting someone fresh from college, developing that person until he becomes a manager. "I like mentoring very much," says Centeno. In her previous job, she mentored three secretaries. Two became managers and one is a country head of one of the leading headhunting firms in the country.

As corporate vice president, Centeno is responsible for managing the human resource and the development programs of the organization. She also does strategic planning for attracting and retaining talents. "I am concerned with an employee's development, which starts from his entry to the organization up to the time he retires," she explains. And this means planning all the programs that are geared toward the holistic development of Unilab employees.

From numbers to people

Centeno has been working in Unilab for three years now. Prior to that, she worked for Johnson and Johnson for 20 years. A graduate of accounting from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, she first worked as an administrative assistant in J&J's marketing department and subsequently worked under the office of the vice president for finance.

Since she has a knack for numbers, people in human resources department would usually ask her to assist in the preparation of employee benefits and compensation. She found the field interesting since she not only deals with numbers but also with people. "So when I had the chance, the president allowed me to move to that area," says Centeno. "I started as a supervisor and eventually became human resources director for the Asean region."

CENTENO knows sincerity is the way to go.

PHOTO BY ROGER CARPIO

Balance

But though she enjoyed working with J&J, she eventually had to make a difficult decision to transfer to another company. Constant traveling to various countries took time away from her family. It became more difficult when she had her third child. So when Unilab offered her the position, she accepted it.

Her job at Unilab doesn't require much travel and gives her more time to be with her three children and husband, who is assistant vice president in Amalgamated Specialties, maker of Mongol pencils. She is now able to balance her family and professional life.

It also helps that Unilab is a family-oriented company. Aside from her usual responsibilities, Centeno handles the wellness program of the company. She manages the company's clinic, cafeteria and gym. "We have year-round programs for fitness," explains Centeno. Unilab offers summer programs for its employees' families. Karate, ballet lessons and art classes are conducted free for the children. For non-working spouses, Unilab offers livelihood programs like baking and making handicrafts.

Culture differences

Was it hard for Centeno to transfer from one company to other? "It was a change of culture," she says. "Since J&J is an international company, its policies and programs come from the US headquarters. All we needed to do was to tailor-fit them to the Philippines and implement them." But in Unilab, she pointed out, innovativeness is a must. Since they can't rely on a mother company, they themselves develop the programs for their people. The programs, while task-oriented, also nurture employees which is characteristic of culture in Unilab.

It is to Centeno's credit that Unilab employees actively participate in their programs. She worked hard to establish her credibility to earn the trust of employees. "I knew I had to win their hearts," says Centeno. "So whenever there was a program, I would consult them first and get feedback." She says she wants employees to feel that they are part of the change. With this philosophy in managing people, winning hearts and an award seem easy picks for this "conscience."

How do you prepare...

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mance, etc. Then use the interview to show them you've paid attention.

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New Attitudes

You have a choice

By Teresa Reyes Tunay

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2

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3

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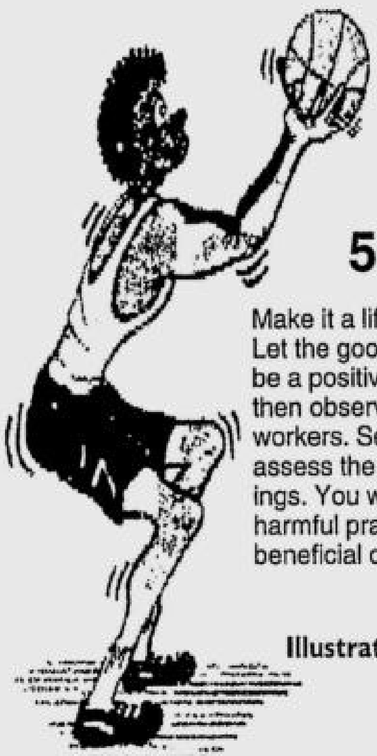

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Make it a life rule to aim for the good. Let the good be your goal. Choose to be a positive force at the workplace, then observe...watch events and co-workers. See what's happening and assess the outcome of such happenings. You will learn to discern, to avoid harmful practices and to encourage beneficial ones.

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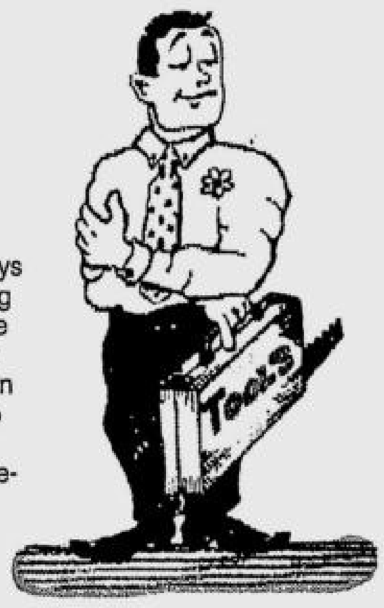

6 It may be harder to do at first, but it always pays in the long run to persevere in doing the right thing even when everybody else seems to be having more fun otherwise. For example: choose to serve rather than be served. Choose to give rather than to take. Choose to heal differences rather than to take sides. Choose to be a peacemaker, not a warmonger.

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Sunday PEOPLE at WORK

Contributing Editor Regina Galang Reyes

FROM THE PAW EDITOR

A Sunday feast for the working soul

WHAT? Work on Sunday? These two words cancel each other out in a phrase or sentence. But, yes, we dare do the seemingly incorrect thing—that is, to come out with a People at Work issue on a Sunday, in addition to our Wednesday edition.

Why? Because we believe that there is no Great Divide between work and life. Work is a big part of life. In fact, at least forty percent of the lives of working people is devoted at work or going to and from work. And for those who don't have work, they spend a greater part of their lives looking for one. And think about it, how juicy can gossip be if we didn't talk about work (like ranting and raving about our bosses) with family and friends?

Seriously though, we can't compartmentalize our lives—this little piece goes to my husband, this little piece belongs to my children and this chunk goes to my colleagues in the workplace. If we do, we may lose the excitement that feeds our souls.

Richard Chang, author of "The Passion Plan" explains, "...when we divide life into areas, viewing experiences at home and work as somehow different and experiences with our children and our friends as categorically distinct, passion may leave us... You cannot categorize your feelings under work, home and leisure, so why should you categorize your experiences? Certainly, they occur in one of these domains, but they are not and should not be distinct from who you are at the core."

So, starting today, as your family gathers around the dining table for your Sunday brunch (don't we all sleep late on a Sunday?), we will serve you Sunday People at Work.

Sunday is the best time to partake of a feast for the working soul and the soul looking for work. You are not harassed by the hustle and bustle of weekday life. You have more time to reflect on the past week's lessons so that you can prepare to successfully meet the coming week's challenges. With stress at bay and with loved ones on hand, it is also a good time for you and your family to get a better perspective of the past week. Together, you and your loved ones can laugh at problems that may at first seem unsolvable or take seriously little things that actually matter a lot to your colleagues or family.

For this feast, we will mix in the fun side of work as appetizers for our souls. We will toss in some reflections as the refreshing salad for our spirits. And we will whip up a hearty main course on how we can skill up to become the best that we can be as human beings. In so doing, hopefully, we can serve a feast for the working soul and the soul looking for work that will nourish you for a lifetime.

Coming soon....

Reflections for the Working Soul

Teresa Reyes Tunay and Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas will write twin reflections for the working soul from the perspectives of a layperson and a religious leader respectively. Tunay, a seasoned journalist, is editor-in-chief of Blue Collar magazine, a publication for blue-collar workers. Bishop Cantillas is a director of TESDA.

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Postcards from the Corporate Edge

Postcards, which was published in our Wednesday issue, will now be printed in the Sunday edition of People at Work. Send your contributions (not more than 600 words) to rreyes@inquirer.com.ph.

Make brand 'you' a hit in the job market

By Regina Galang Reyes

INQUIRER'S workforce: Brand X for excellence

PEOPLE are not commodities. But like products, you get accepted or rejected by other people as you go through different life situations. This is particularly true during your job hunting phase which can occur at any point in your life—at the start of your career, in between jobs, or later in your career when you are looking for more growth. In this phase, you are most vulnerable as you offer your talents and skills to various companies in the hope of getting a better work environment, higher financial package and more challenging work. As you present yourself to companies, you will probably experience being rejected by one or more prospective employers which may be a confidence shaking—and for some, traumatic—experience.

How do you get through this transition and get that dream job or ideal career with your self-esteem intact? One way of meeting this challenge successfully is to see yourself as a "product" that has to be "marketed" to various companies. From this perspective, you can learn from experts who have the toughest careers in business—salespeople.

Selling 'you'

When you look for a job and apply with various companies, you are actually selling a product that is brand "you." You are offering your competencies—your knowledge, skills, attitudes, habits and values—to organizations to utilize in the pursuit of their objectives. However, like a product in a package, your competencies are intangible, wrapped in a "package" that is your extrinsic image and behavior. To convince your selected company to hire you (or to get your target market to "buy"), use personal selling techniques to land the job (or to close the sale).

Charles M. Futrell, author of "Fundamentals of Selling: Customers for Life" (Irwin/McGraw Hill 1999), defines personal selling as "personal communication of information to persuade a prospective customer to buy something—a good, service, idea or something else—that satisfies that individual's needs." In job hunting, the needs that have to be satisfied are those of the organization's.

Understanding sales

To be effective in personal selling, you need an understanding of the sales process. Futrell defines the sales process as a "sequential series of actions by the salesperson that leads toward the customer taking a desired action and ends with a follow-up to ensure purchase satisfaction." If you follow this logical sequential series of actions, Futrell says that it can greatly increase the chances of making a sale. Following this sales process in job hunting would mean getting more chances to get your target job.

Futrell divides this sales or selling process into 10 basic steps which are prospecting, preapproach, approach, presentation, trial close, determining objections, meeting objections, trial close, close and follow-up. These steps parallel the steps you need to take to succeed in job hunting.

Personal selling techniques are, however, not enough. Before you go job hunting, the first thing that you must have, which is the foundation of any selling strategy, is a belief in the value of product—or, in this case, a belief in the value of brand "you." A strong self-esteem will also shield you from the depression that can set in after being rejected by a company.

How do you develop and maintain your self-esteem? Objectively assess your strengths and weaknesses in knowledge, skills, attitudes, habits and values. Ask the honest opinion of your peers or colleagues, bosses, staff, friends and family members so that you get a well-rounded view of yourself. This can lead to a better self-awareness, acceptance of one's self and resolve for self-improvement. This stable inner core of understanding and acceptance of one's self will enable you to be confident in "marketing" yourself and handle with aplomb any rejection that comes your way.

Rejections

Rejection in selling or job hunting comes with the territory. Seasoned salespeople know that of the 100 prospects they approach, perhaps only 5 or 10 percent purchase their products. In job hunting, this can also be the case especially in this competitive job market. With this in mind, brush off rejections like you would brush off specks of dust from your sleeves. When companies don't accept you, it doesn't mean you have no value. It merely means that there is no match between the position's required competencies and your own. For as long as you don't get discouraged, you are sure to find a company that needs your competencies.

With a firm belief in your value and effective selling techniques, you will surely be a hit in the job market at any point in your career.

(This is the first of a series of articles on how to use selling techniques to get a job. The topic for next week is "How to use prospecting and qualifying techniques to select your target company." E-mail peopleatwork @inquirer.com.ph *for a soft copy of this article and illustration.)*

Check your work pulse

PEOPLE at Work and the Ateneo Center for Organization Research and Development (Ateneo CORD) partner to listen to the heartbeats of working people through this People at Work Pulse.

Is your pulse rate a bit too fast due to stress? Is it slowing down due to asphyxiation from traffic fumes? Or it is just beating happily to the rhythm of life? Your thoughts, feelings and beliefs on various workplace issues close to your hearts, when shared, can contribute to transforming our workplaces into more human-friendly places to work in.

PEOPLE AT WORK Pulse

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2. How does your company help you achieve work/life balance?

[ ] a. Are you not listening? They work me to death!

[ ] b. My boss allows to me to take time off when I have personal things to attend to.

[ ] c. I can work at home.

[ ] d. My schedule is flexible.

[ ] e. I get lots of leaves.

3. Given a choice, would you work if you didn't need to?

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How do you prepare for an important job interview?

WORKING WOUNDED

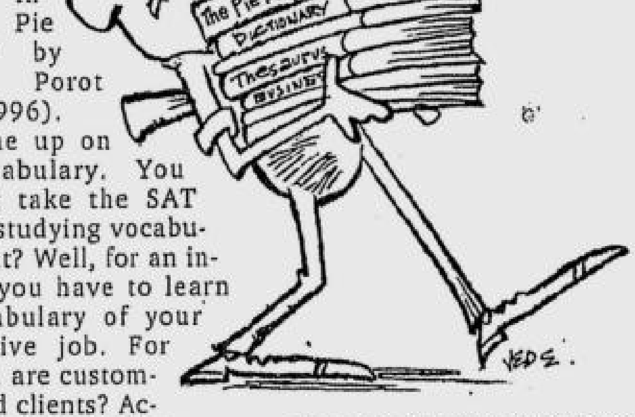
Bob Rosner

Dear WW: I'm going for my first job interview. Can you give me some tips?

The Rookie

You may be too young for this story, but I'll give it the old college try. I took some time off after my first two years of college, and when I went back for year three I found that most of the students seemed young. So I developed a test to identify the ones whose experience matched mine. I'd tell people I was in a fraternity, Mekong Delta. If they laughed, I knew I'd found a peer. (If you didn't laugh, you ARE too young for this story. Mekong Delta is not a fraternity. It was a strategic location during the Vietnam War.)

Well, like me, many job interviewers use word games to determine if you're worth getting to know. In fact, it helps to think of interviews as a cross between rushing for a fraternity and taking the SAT. To score, you've got to be gutsy and you've got to do your homework. I've suggested some tips below.



You'll find more in "The Pie Method" by Daniel Porot (JIST, 1996).

1. Bone up on the vocabulary. You wouldn't take the SAT without studying vocabulary, right? Well, for an interview you have to learn the vocabulary of your prospective job. For example, are customers called clients? Accounts? Customers? Are suppliers called dealers? Distributors? Manufacturers? What are the names of the company's products and services? Talk to people in the industry and read business magazines in order to find out.

2. Prepare for the math section. Just like the SAT, interviews have a math section as well as a verbal. You should know, for example, how many clients are seen during the average week, what is the average fee charged and how much more a star performer produces. Again, talk to people in the industry and your local business librarian for help.

3. Demonstrate your comprehension. You thought those reading comprehension passages were irrelevant? Well, here's where they come to life. Before your interview, read business mags, industry newsletters and your prospective employer's annual report. Learn about trends in the industry, pressures facing the company, its stock perfor-

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Willie Miller

The Happy Hoopster

By Ruel S. De Vera
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Having a ball with daughter Alex

High-flying PBA star Willie Miller stays grounded, thanks to his super family and his basketball dreams come true

THIS is the story of Willie Miller, the most cheerful basketball player in the country, he of the cat-quick reflexes and the Cheshire cat grin. After all, he's never forgotten how the breaks of the game have gone his way, even in the oddest situations. "People tell me I smile even when we lose," he says in flawless Filipino. "That's because I just like smiling. It makes me feel relaxed."

On the hardwood, Willie is laughing gas poured into high-tops, with a crossover dribble quick as a giggle and an offensive game as potent as a punchline. Just this past PBA Commissioner's Cup, Willie finished second in statistical points to Batang Red Bull Thunder teammates and eventual player of the conference Davonn Harp. Playing his unique brand of quicksilver basketball, Willie chaperoned Red Bull to its second PBA title. Not a bad stint for someone who began dreaming and dribbling in Olongapo, an Olongapo of a different time.

Willie Villamor Miller, Jr., was born July 13, 1977 in Olongapo City to United States Navyman Willie Miller, Sr., and Felicidad Villamor, the third of fourth children.

Life was simple for the young Willie—and full of basketball. The elder Miller, who was black, played on the Subic Naval Base's basketball team for exhibitions.

"I really wasn't good at the start. I just played with my friends," he says of basketball. Then when he was in Grade II, Willie stopped going to school. "My teacher pinched me even if it wasn't my fault," he laughs. "I ran to my father and my mother said that I shouldn't go anymore if my teachers were like that."

So Willie wound up playing basketball-all day long. "I made sure that whatever I could do with my right hand I could do with my other hand." In the afternoons, he would play with his older brother and father, deep into the fourth quarter of the evening. It was on those cement courts in Olongapo that Willie began dreaming his basketball dream—making it to the Philippine Basketball Association. "That's the dream of any kid growing up playing basketball. I always thought it would be nice to play there. And I thought I could do it, too."

Willie's father was reassigned to the US when Willie was eight, and would visit them intermittently through the years, but always made sure they had money. "I was all right even if my father wasn't around because I had uncles and I looked

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Willie

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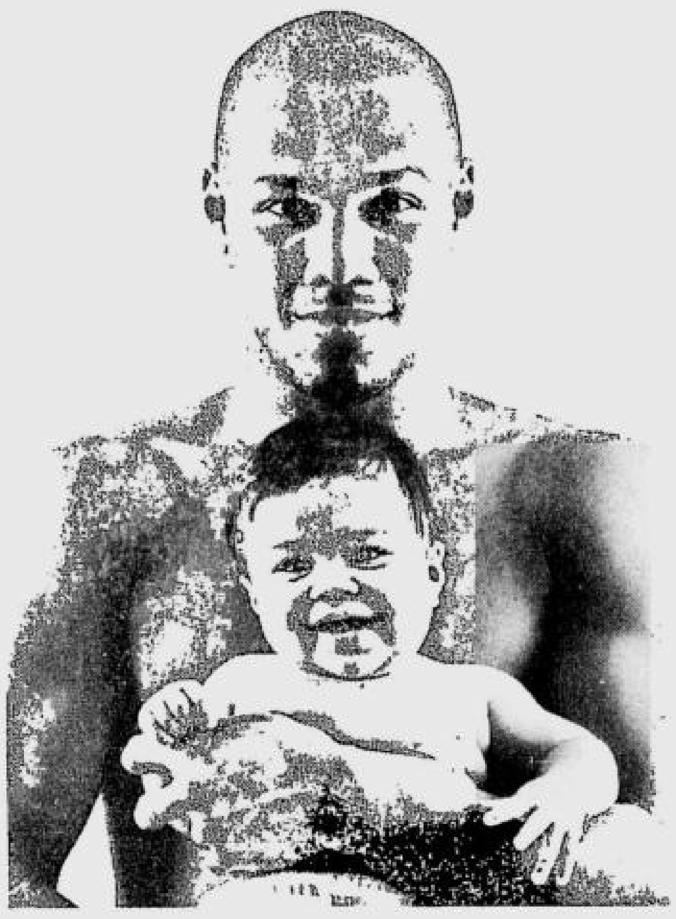
up to my older brother," Willie remembers. As a child, Willie says he used to sneak out of the house to watch TV instead of sleeping as he was told to.

In 1992, the American bases left the country and, as dependents of an enlisted man, Willie's family was given the choice to relocate to the US. "But we decided to stay here because we were doing all right," he explains. "We decided to stay because we had started here, anyway."

Playing for Olongapo City National High School, Willie already flashed that razzle-dazzle quality that would make him a star. He would grow to be 5'10", the same height as his father, and was soon able to join the Palarong Pambansa as a cager on the Region III team in 1996.

At the Palarong Pambansa in General Santos City, Willie played well enough to merit calling cards from coaches representing Metro Manila colleges. After finishing high school, Willie made the big move to Manila, where he played for the Colegio de San Juan de Letran Knights in the National Collegiate Athletic Association. It was under Letran coach Molet Pineda that Willie began to be noticed by a nationwide audience.

But after two years, Willie was ready for a different challenge. "I had good exposure at Letran, but I wanted to move on to the next level." In the Philippine Basketball League, Willie starred for Tanduay Rhum. Then he starred for Joe Lipa's Nueva Ecija Patriots in the Metropolitan Basketball Association in 1999.



Even then, his long-term goal always remained the PBA. "In the PBL and MBA, I worked on my confidence because I knew that there were bigger and better players there. The game there is more physical, but also required more finesse." After two years with Nueva Ecija, Willie got to live out his dream—and then some.

In January 2000, Red Bull made Willie the no. 1 pick in the PBA draft. "I'm sure he'll become one of the dominant point guards in the pro league," Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao has said of Willie.

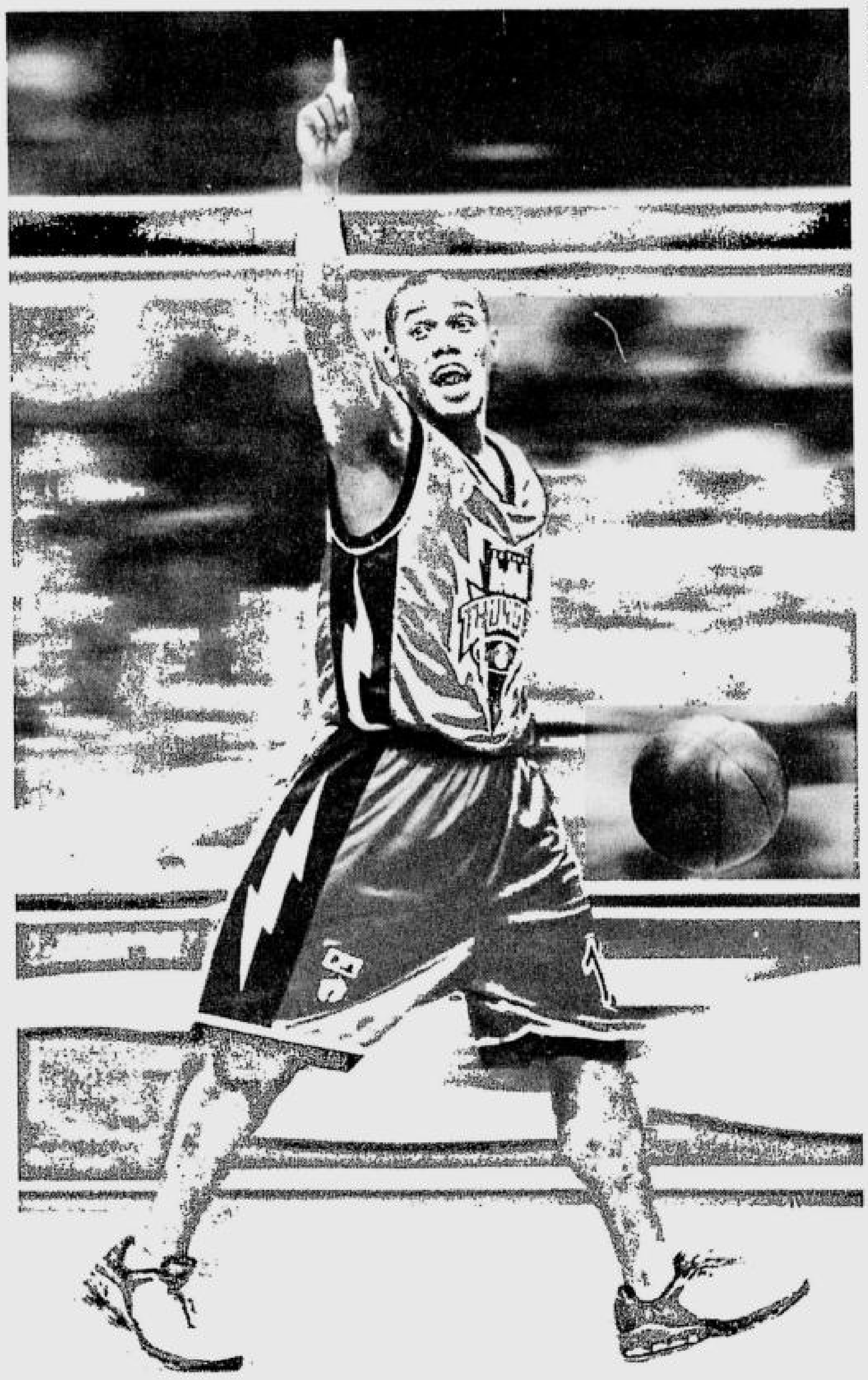
That's high praise for sure, but plying his wares in the PBA was no laughing matter-for Willie, who had to curb his shoot-first instinct because Red Bull played him at the point guard spot. "I always played as a two-guard or as a wingman, but now I had to be a court general. I was over-eager as a rookie." Willie says Guiao pushed and motivated him into constantly improving. "He taught me to be more deliberate, more controlled."

Now the holder of a very lucrative contract, Willie has truly come into his own in the last two conferences, becoming one of the Thunder's main men with averages of 8.7 points, 2.7 rebounds and 3.2 assists. So impressive has Willie been that Talk 'N Text coach Bill Bayno said that Willie was actually good enough to play in the US NCAA—and for powerhouse Duke University no less. "I feel very thankful. It's an honor for a coach to say that."

But as much as Willie's professional life had changed, his personal life has remained blissfully constant. He met wife Kate when they were still in grade school and stayed close through the years, finally marrying last year. These days, Willie's constantly playing with his daughter, Alessandra Nicole, or Alex for short. "She likes to scream and laugh, too." At 25, he finds himself fulfilled as husband and father. "It's a good routine for me. After practice you go home, have fun with your wife, play with your daughter. Life's good."

Willie's appearance leads many to talk to him only in English, expecting him to respond in slang. "They always get surprised when I talk in Filipino," he laughs. "They think I'm pulling a fast one on them, that I pretend not to understand Filipino."

For Willie, the game comes first



His infectious sense of humor has also stayed as quick as his feet. "I grew up in a fun, happy family and my *barkada* was always hanging out, singing and having fun. I do the same with my teammates. I got used to that, and I carry it with me everyday."

That's why, whenever fans call his name outside the court, Willie's ready to give them a smile and a wave, as easily as he issues a bounce pass. That's how the high-flying Willie has stayed down-to-earth, easily one of the most approachable hoopsters around no matter how far he's come.

At his simplest, Willie remains a basketball junkie. At home, he has no hobbies—it's basketball, all the time. "If we don't have practice, I call the other players and play. It's all basketball for me."

That's why he's smiling—because he's jumped on every loose ball life has thrown his way and scored. "From the start, I've always been thankful that I started from humble origins to where I am now. Very few people get to do this. I'm a really lucky man."

Now Willie focuses on helping the Thunder to yet another title when the PBA All-Filipino Cup opens today. "I know it's rare for a guy who's only in his second year to experience winning two championships. But now I want a third. It's nice to be able to keep adding to it." But he has another dream he keeps alive. "If I get lucky, I'd like to try and make it in the NBA," he says in all honestly. "Even just to go through training camp. I was to give it a shot. It would be nice to see a Filipino play in the NBA." If his past history stands as evidence, that dream's nothing to joke about.

And that is the story of Willie Miller, the happiest basketball player in the country.

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Poetry

Pygmy Doves

This morning the two wild green pygmy doves
are perched high up on a slender bare branch
of an old mango tree where they've spent nights

with their two young offspring between them.
I know the baby doves have just recently learned
to fly because I've been watching them for weeks.

See how the adults poke their beaks at their young,
grooming them. The chicks poke back at the parents,
then at each other. A low cooing fills the morning calm.

When the doves, at last, fly away for places distant
some part of me, down deep, something forever wild
and small, like a pygmy dove, begins to open its wings.

Luis Cabalquinto

3 Tangka sa Tanka

1. Pagpapakalango

Lukot na sulat
Sa ilalim ng mesa;
Isang serbesang
Luha ang huling patak
Nang lumisan ang kab'yak.

2. Pag-ibig

Talim sa dibdib
Ang nakaambang ulos
Pag hinuhugot
Ang bunot nang makamit
Ang niyog; parang pag-ibig.

3. Putol-Putol na Letra't Relasyon

Pipindot-pindot
Sa malungkot na cellphone
Babaeng habol
Ang hininga't nalagot
Ang baterya pagtibok.

Arnel S. Vitor

A Poet to her Love, After 10 years

I don't like the motion of your hand
moving away from me like a season
that doesn't want to change
to summer.

Unless the words you have said
become permanent,
cluttering my memory
the way a moth
gets trapped in amber;

then they will be the speaker of truth

When we were 18, only one dry peck
from you had brushed me clean
a nudge awakened the expanse within me
your audible breath: a wind slapping my face

You can knock me out
and I here will linger
extinguishing what could not be passion

Pigment of illusion
lurking behind me
dressed in metaphors

Come, lie with me instead.

Michelle Cambronero Muhi

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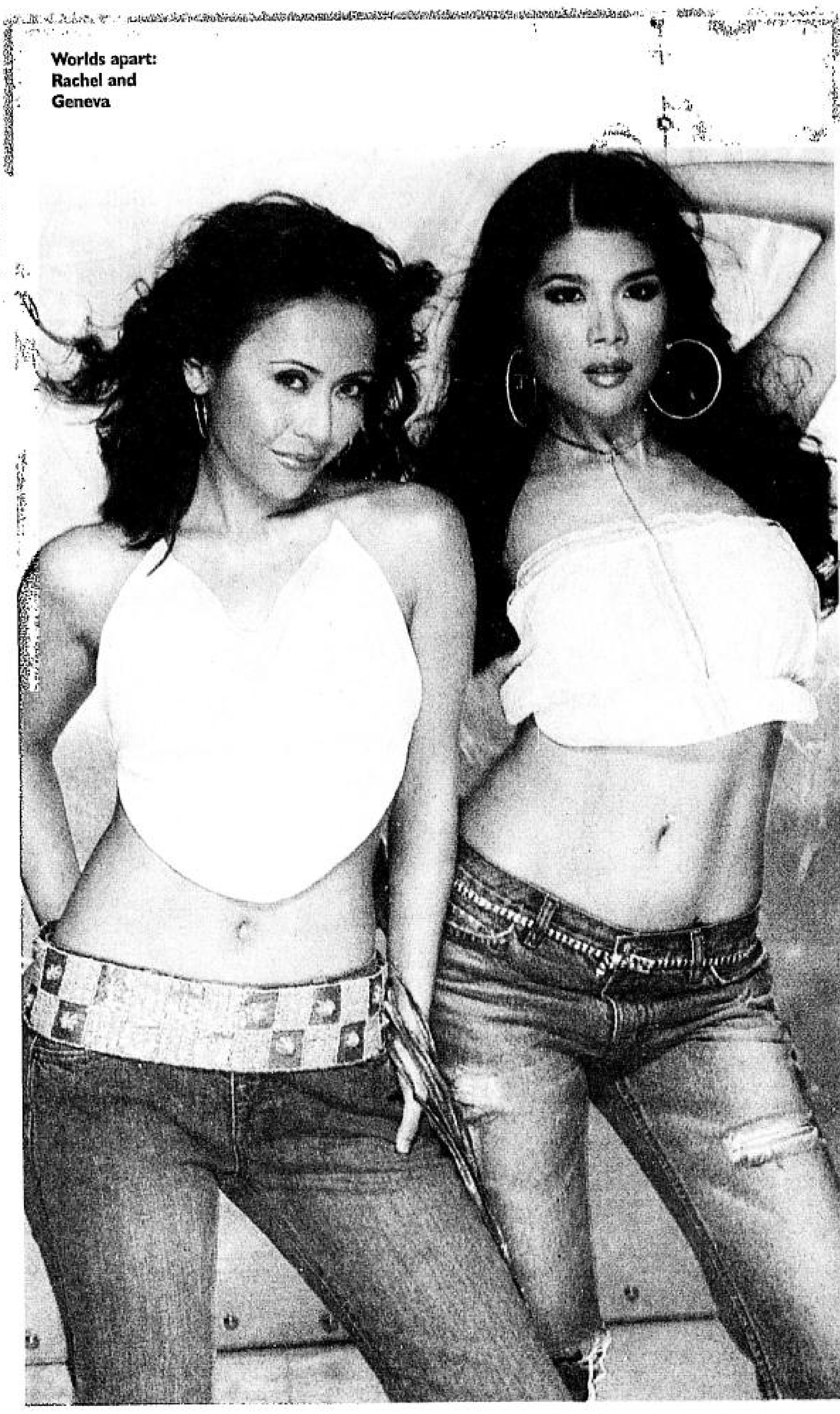

Worlds apart: Rachel and Geneva

Friendships at Work

By Tinna S. Bonifacio

Female Bonding

They have little in common, but were drawn together by personal problems. In their upcoming concert 'Showdown,' Rachel Alejandro and Geneva Cruz celebrate a friendship born of crisis and built on differences

APPLES and oranges. East and West. Yin and yang. Such phrases come to mind when Rachel Alejandro and Geneva Cruz walk into the room.

How can two people claiming to be good friends be so different? Rachel is dressed in sweat pants, a black T-shirt and rubber shoes, with no trace of make-up, her hair pulled back in a ponytail. More than an hour later, Geneva rushes in, wearing a denim miniskirt, a green tube blouse and high heels that left everyone wondering how she could walk so fast without falling over. "I'm sorry, I had to take Heaven (her son by ex-Introvoys drummer Paco Arespacochaga) to the doctor. More than one week *na siyang may ubo. May* primary complex *yata*," she apologizes.

As the interview gets underway, the differences between the two friends become even more pronounced. Rachel is gregarious, answering every question, even the most private ones. Everything is fair game, from her past relationship with Dingdong Avanzado to her current one with Lee Robin Salazar. She talks candidly about being a stepmother-in-waiting to Lee Robin's seven-year-old daughter Isabel. Asked for her views on sex, Rachel laughs: "Sex? It's overrated. Honestly, I'd rather have a good meal."

Geneva, on the other hand, is reluctant to talk about her relationship with actor, VJ and TV host KC Montero. "My experience with the media has not been good," she admits. "It started when I got pregnant and had to leave for the US, but I told the press I was going there to study. After that, the press felt that it couldn't trust me. Every statement I made got twisted. Even now, with KC and me, every little fight gets blown out of proportion. That's why I'm scared to talk. Besides, I don't owe them anything. If I want to conceal my relationship, that's my prerogative."

The only relationship she is willing to talk about is the one she has with her son, who is turning seven this year. She may not have had the happily-ever-after most girls dream of, but Geneva has been luckier than most single mothers.

"I have a very supportive and loving family. I'm able to take care of my child financially, emotionally and spiritually. Heaven is very happy with me. Fortunately, he doesn't really look for his dad." Paco has moved to the US and remarried.

Would she get married again? "Yes, I'd still want to," says Geneva. "But I have a feeling that God is asking me, do I want a peaceful family life, or a successful international career? I can't have both. And if I have to make a choice, I'd choose a peaceful family."

Rachel, 28, is very happy in her relationship but has no plans of getting married or having kids, at least not yet. Besides, boyfriend Lee Robin is still busy fulfilling his duties as a father to Isabel, who is the same age as Geneva's son Heaven.

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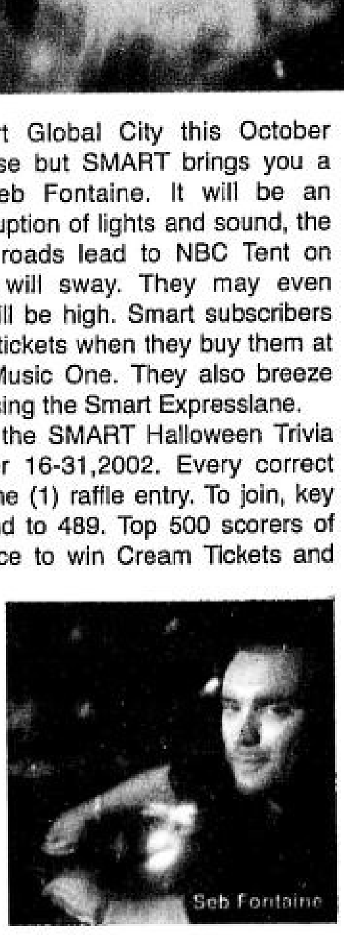

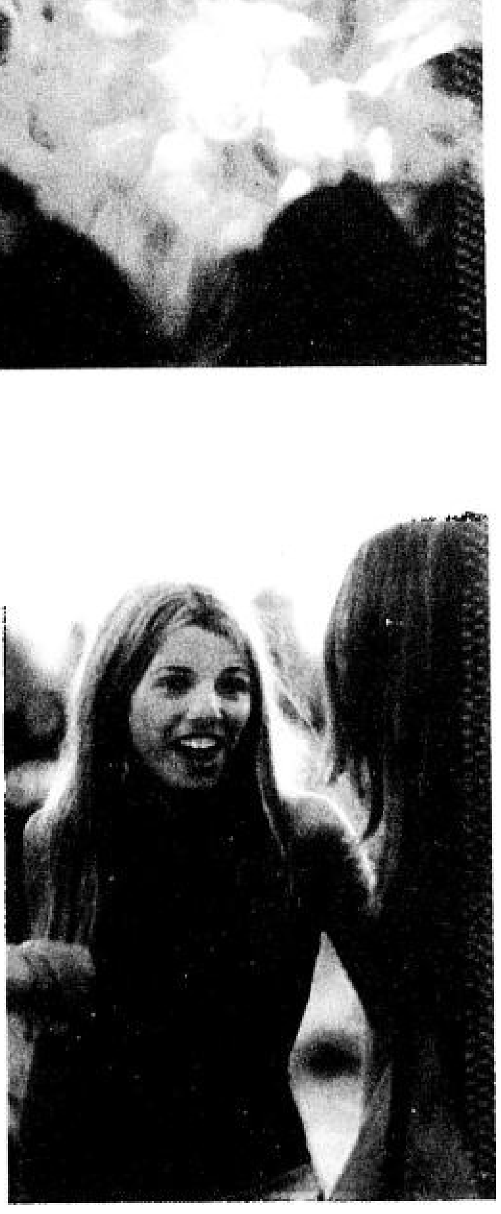

SMART Promotion

Seb Fontaine Ready to Cream Manila!

With a series of best-selling 'Prototype' mix CDs under his belt, a Saturday night show on Radio 1, a name as the first to be resident at both Cream and Ministry of Sound, an ongoing monthly New York gig as well as his own club night in London, Seb Fontaine clearly belongs among the elite of international Djs.

But elitism is not in Seb Fontaine's vocabulary. In fact, you could argue that the reason the 31 year old Londoner has come so far (apart from excellent taste in music and deft spinning skills, of course) is by nature of his affability, modesty and sense of perspective. "We watch plastic go round," is how he describes the DJ's job. "Alright, it's slightly more than that, but I just feel that if you separate yourself from clubbers - if you become so much more important than they are - how can you understand what they want and how can you be part of it?"

It's a rhetorical question: Seb has been a part of it for fifteen years now. His career choice may not seem surprising when you allow that he was conceived on the island of Ibiza, to a French restauranteur and a sojourning English woman. But the boy they christened Jean Sebastian Fontaine claims that "I never decided to be a DJ." Born and raised in west London, his heroes were Chelsea Football Club (his son's middle name is Stamford) and the bands of the 2-Tone label. To this day, he claims that "If I could swap being a DJ now to be in Madness, I would."

That opportunity never arose. Instead, a teenage Seb talked his way into a gig at Hammersmith Town Hall on the lie that he'd already DJ'd "loads of times," after which he landed a regular slot at Crazy Larry's on the Kings Road where, like many of his peers, he played old soul and funk alongside new American hip-hop. From there it was onto The Fridge in Brixton, and The Wag in Soho, along with the occasional warehouse party where "If the promoter hadn't run away with a couple of strippers before you finished your set, you were lucky."

This is a man who knows his music, appreciates his job, but best of all, understands his audience. "For every person who says 'clubbing was better five years ago,' there's someone new coming into it who will remember last Saturday like we remember 1990," says Seb. "Everyone has their time and place. Everyone has their moment - a year or two when everything is the most exciting thing in the world. And that's cool. As a DJ, you've got to try to help people have their moment all the time."

There won't be another Halloween party with a hair's breadth chance of measuring up to Cream Live! It's the Cream Annual Halloween Bash at the NBC Tent, Fort Global City this October 31,2002. Nobody else but SMART brings you a name quite like Seb Fontaine. It will be an absolutely mental eruption of lights and sound, the stuff of legend. All roads lead to NBC Tent on Halloween. Bodies will sway. They may even levitate. Emotions will be high. Smart subscribers get P100 off Cream tickets when they buy them at Tower Records or Music One. They also breeze through the crowd using the Smart Expresslane.

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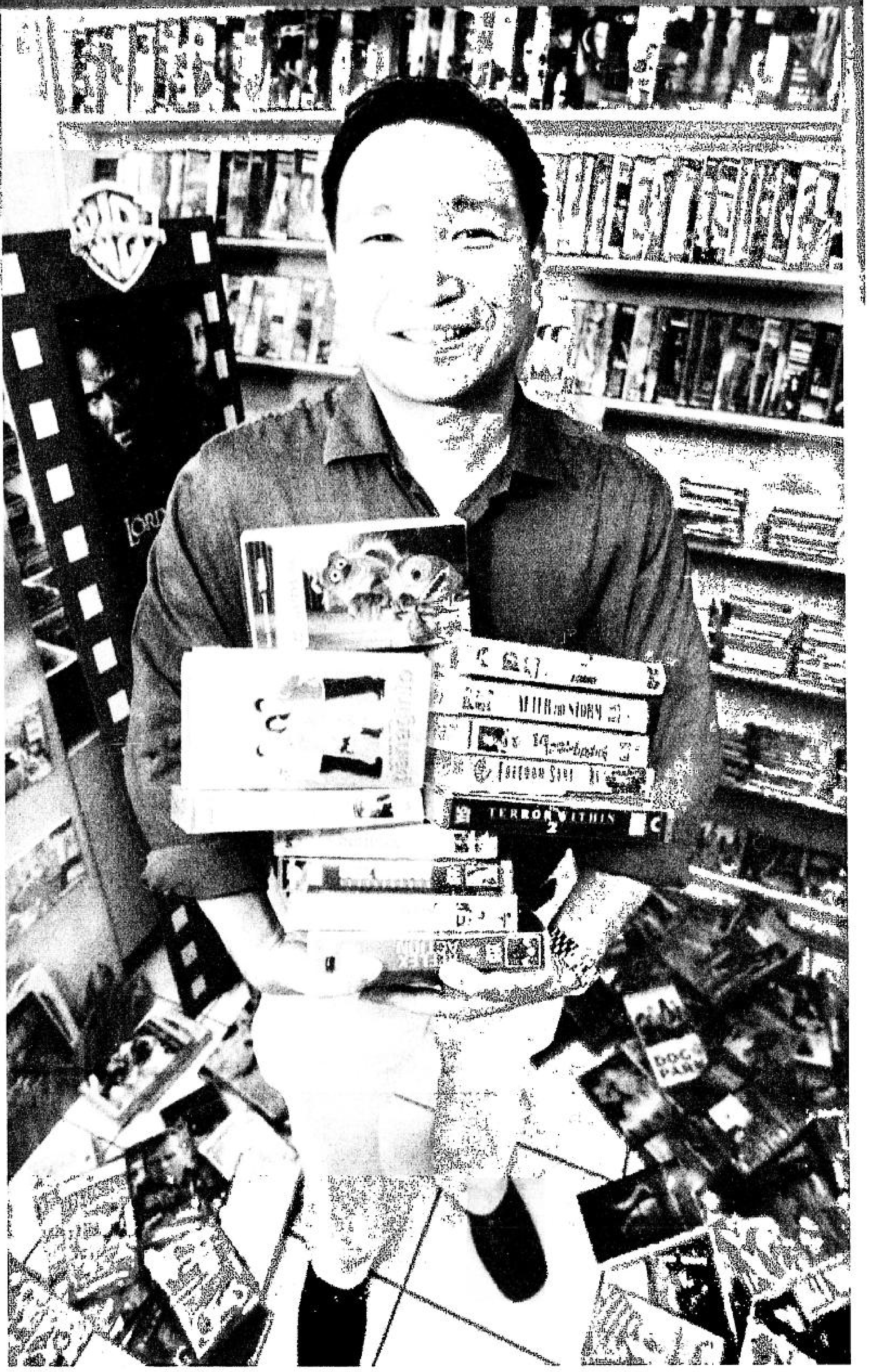

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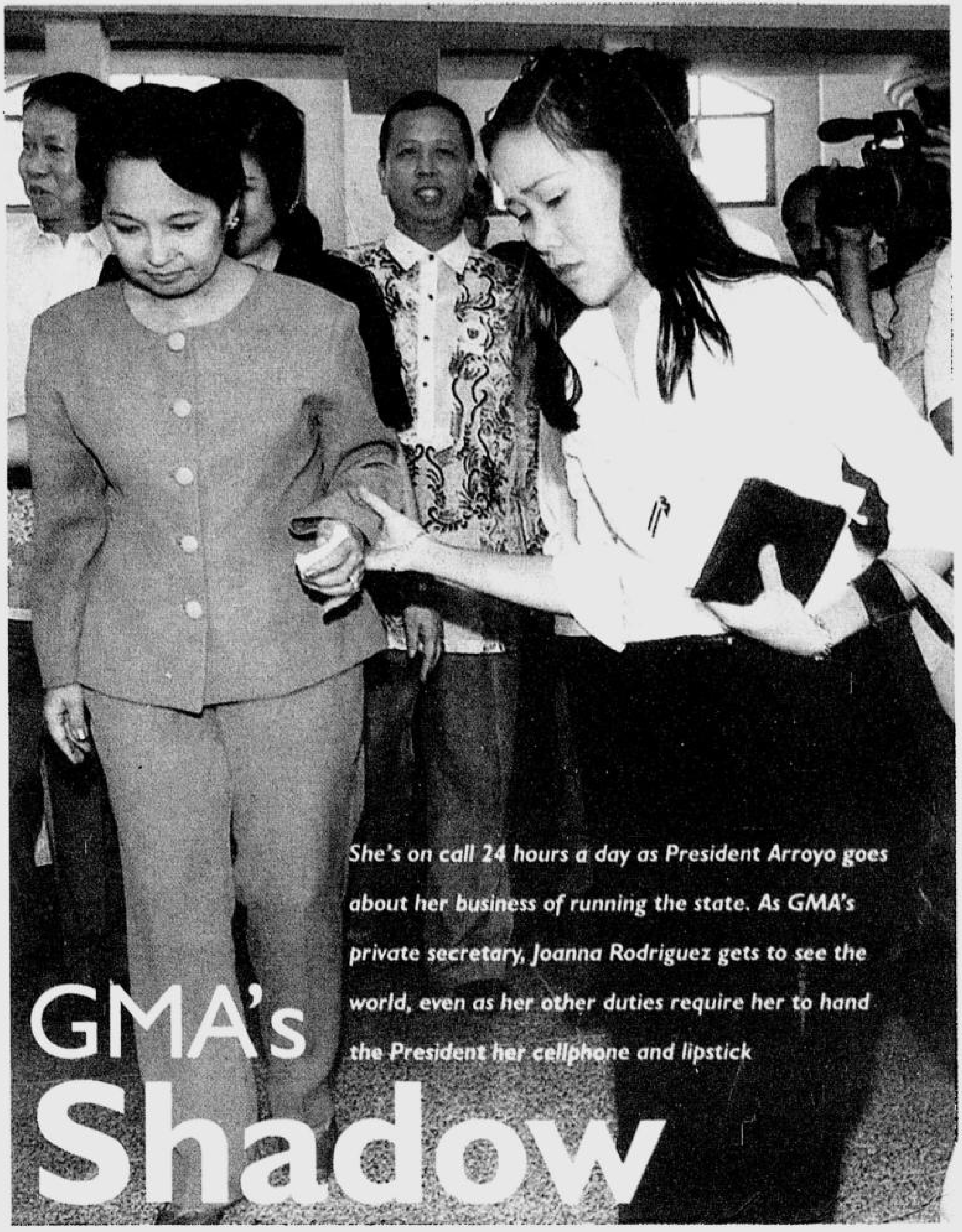

GMA's Shadow

She's on call 24 hours a day as President Arroyo goes about her business of running the state. As GMA's private secretary, Joanna Rodriguez gets to see the world, even as her other duties require her to hand the President her cellphone and lipstick

WORKING in government was farthest from the mind of Joanna Rodriguez when she joined a group of professionals in 1997 to work for the election of then senator Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to the vice presidency.

Today, Rodriguez is one of three private secretaries of President Arroyo whom the public see standing or sitting behind Her Excellency during her public appearances and official functions.

Rodriguez was attending a victory party for newly elected Vice President Arroyo when the latter asked if she was interested in working at the Office of the Vice President. The invitation came as a surprise to the 1997 *cum laude* graduate of the UP College of Mass Communication. Fresh from school, Rodriguez looked forward to a career in broadcasting, not government service. But having worked hard for the Vice President's election, she felt it was her moral obligation to contribute to her success in office.

Initially, Rodriguez was assigned to the appointments staff. Her principal task was to assist in the scheduling of the Vice President's office appointments, out-of-town trips, speaking engagements and other official activities. This at the time when Arroyo held in a concurrent capacity the position of Social Welfare secretary.

When the Vice President needed a "close-in-secretary-cum-confidential assistant" to assist her as she moved from one engagement to another, she pulled out Rodriguez from appointments to take on the job. In her new assignment, Rodriquez relayed Arroyo's instructions to her staff, answered phone calls, wrote press releases and did media liaison work.

Considering her background in communication, the Girl Friday role was a perfect fit for Rodriguez. This time, however, her working hours were not fixed; she had to maintain a schedule similar to that of the Vice President.

The hectic pace took a toll on Rodriguez's health. It also derailed her plans to gain experience in broadcasting and later take up a masteral course in business management. But as she was about to inform the Vice President of her desire to return to the private sector, the events that led to Edsa II started to unravel. Things had to be put on hold as the impeachment trial of President Joseph Estrada gripped the nation's attention. Then came January 20, 2001. This time, the forward-looking Girl Friday had the highest official in the land for a boss.

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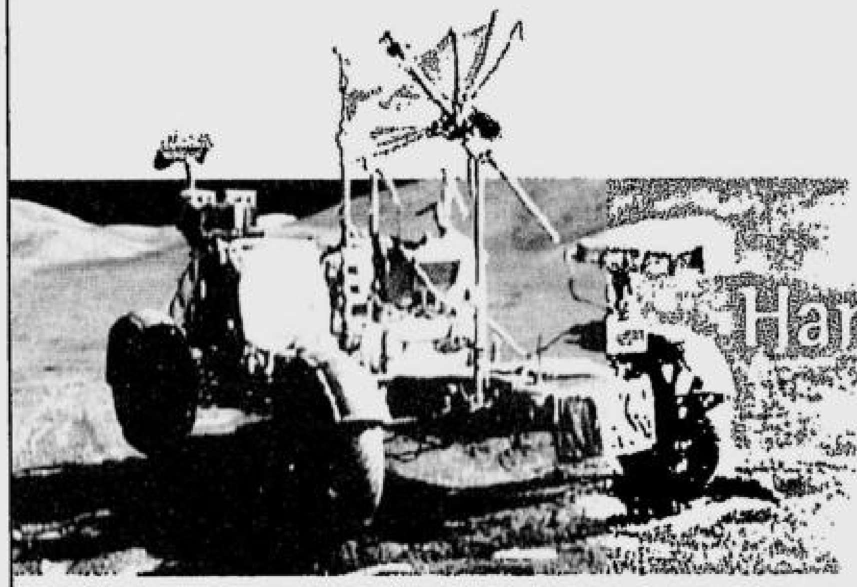

Hanggang buwan, abot ang kakayahan.

Taon 1969. Ang kauna-unahang Lunar Rover sa buwan, nilikha ng dayuhan, pero Galing Pilipino ang nagdisenyo -- ating kababayan, si Eduardo San Juan. Katibayan at halimbawa na kapag ipinakita mo ang iyong galing, malayong-malayo ang iyong mararating.

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Bon Appetit

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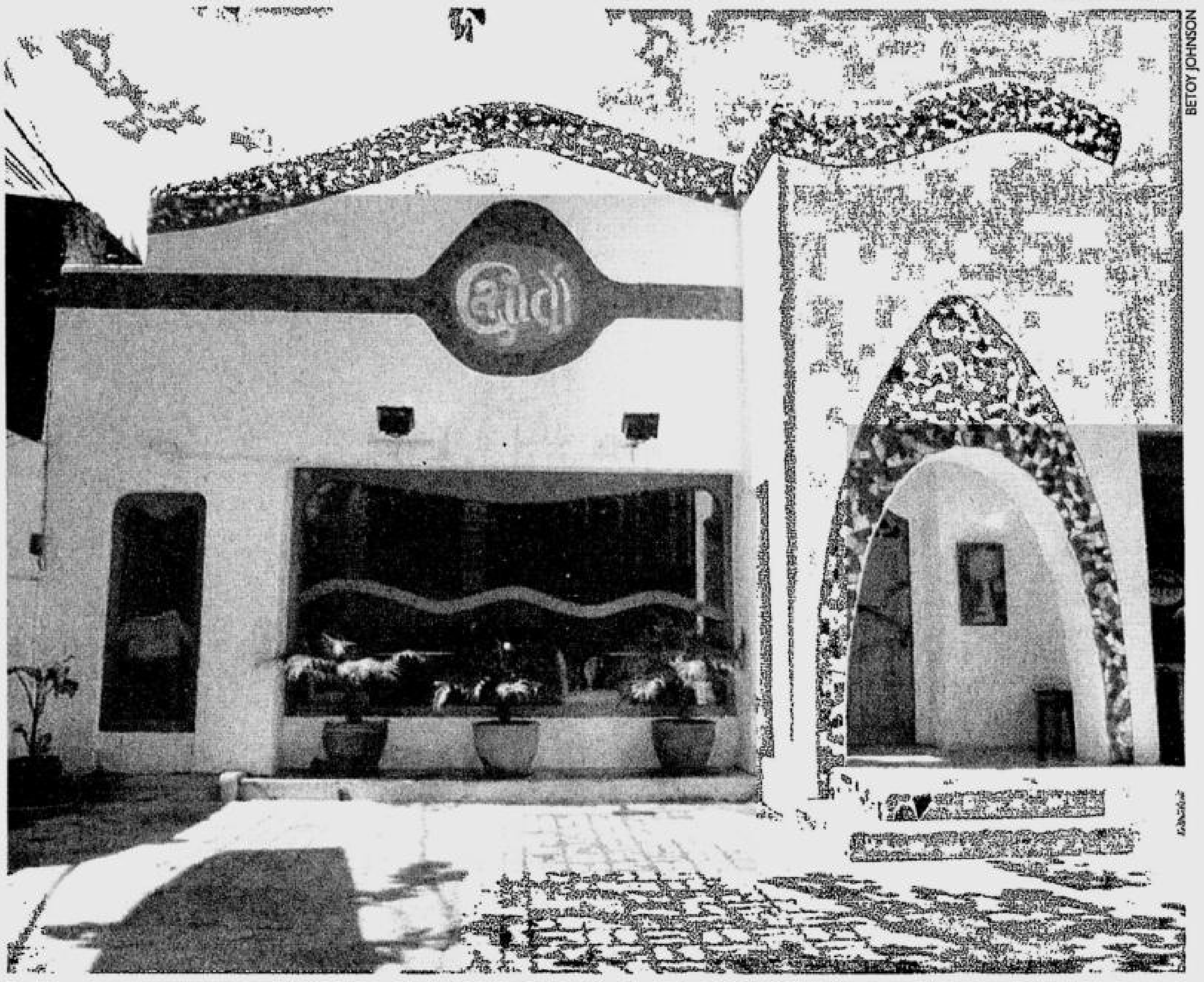
Giddy Over Gaudi

Although named after Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi, the restaurant's cuisine has been described as 'the best of everything from all over Spain'



The familiar facade of Gaudi

THE name of the restaurant on 114 Jupiter St., Makati, is Gaudi, the Catalan architect whose geometric architecture defines the landscape of Barcelona.

Traces of Gaudi are reflected in the façade of the restaurant and in the wooden door, and set the tone for the restaurant's ambience. The place was the site of La Grange, a French restaurant, which folded a couple of years ago. Regardless of the name, Gaudi does not serve Catalan cuisine exclusively. It serves food from all over Spain, but strives to be different in the choices on its menu. For example, if you look for lengua (ox tongue) or *cochinillo* (roast baby pig), you will not find these in Gaudi. It serves *bacalao* but it is not cooked with dried fish as is customary in the Philippines. Gaudi's Bacalao Ajoarriero is cooked from codfish strips fried with piquillo peppers, garlic and tomatoes.

The proprietors, Francisco Cacho (who is from Iloilo) and his wife, Alexandra, lived for 20 years in Malaga, Sevilla, and San Sebastian in the Basque Provinces. Mrs. Cacho had run a restaurant in Malaga, and closely supervises the cooking at Gaudi whose menu draws from her experience.

Although the restaurant's name was inspired by Gaudi (who was run over by a trolley in Barcelona and died in 1926), Mrs. Cacho describes Gaudi's cuisine as composed of "the best of everything" in Spain. So, if you read the menu, you will find dishes in Catalan and Basque names, which are spelled differently in other regions of Spain. The best way to appreciate the dishes at Gaudi and select those that are different from food served in other Spanish restaurants is to consult the staff.

That's what we did to escape the routine and accustomed selection. There were four of us, and we put the order two days ahead of our dinner. We had sangria for drinks and dispensed with the usual appetizers and tapas called "Pintxos," served either hot or cold.

Our first dish was the specialty of the house—*Pescado a la Sal* (whole fish baked in rock salt). The fish was red lapu-lapu, weighing 1.6 kilos, and was baked in the oven without removing its scales.

A ceremony is involved in serving it. The chef broke the salt crust encasing the fish with a small mallet. The ritual is like breaking the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen, with the difference that, instead of a dried-up mummy, there's freshly cooked fish still sizzling in its juices. The fish should be eaten hot, with a sprinkling of salt and pepper or with garlic and olive oil sauce.The dish has to be ordered at least a day ahead to ensure freshness of the fish.

In Madrid, there is a famous restaurant which serves Pollo *Puerta de Moros* (chicken baked in a sarcophagus-like clay pot). The pot is cracked with a mallet, and out comes a steaming baked chicken smelling of herbs and cognac.

The fish-cracking ceremony at our table attracted diners in neighboring tables who watched the proceedings with much curiosity. *Pescado de la Sal* comes from the south of Spain in Andalusia which has abundant seafood as it faces the Mediterranean Sea.

After the fish, the two other dishes were served—*Cordero Asade al estilo de Pedraza* (roast lamb shank), and *Paella Sobresada*. The roast lamb shank originates from Old Castile and the *paella* is a Catalan variation of the *paellas* whose home is Valencia, where rice is grown. Lamb shank was roasted instead of leg of lamb because the latter would have been too much for four people. The *paella* had ground Catalan chorizo. Both dishes were specialties of the house.

The fish was accompanied by *sancerre*, a pleasant white wine with a mild bouquet and very little acidity. It is one of the highly appreciated white wines for which the Loire Valley (the chateau country) of France is well known. It went well with the fish.

For the two main dishes, we had a bottle of 1998 Viva Alcorta, from the Rioja vineyards. The wine comes from *tempranillo* grapes, and described as *crianza* (young wine).

For desert, we had Tocino de Cielo, a custard with origins from Madrid. The meal was capped with liquor with anise, extracted from green apple.

LoveNotes

By Joe D' Mango

What Marriage Should Be About

I don't know what came over me but I found myself having an affair with Jay. I gave myself to a man I barely knew

Illustration by STEPH BRAVO

Dear Joe,

I never imagined I would find myself writing to you for advice. Just call me Rain. I am 22 and working for a prestigious company here in Ortigas. I could not ask for more in my life. I have a good job, loving parents, friends who are very supportive, and a sincere and honest boyfriend named Gabby.

Gabby and I have been going steady for more than a year. I met him at this company. We don't have any problem except for some petty quarrels that are resolved within the day. He is very patient, loyal, understanding and even treats me like a princess.

All our office mates are asking when we're going to tie the knot. But he would just smile and tell them that marriage is not yet on his mind. One time I told him that if he didn't want to marry at this time, we could live together. But he didn't want that.

He just changed the topic and told me that he doesn't want to talk about married life. I still remained loyal to him even though I felt disappointed.

A month ago, a man named Jay started sending me sweet nothings on my mobile phone. He even called me in the office and at home. Then, when I started to freak out because I didn't know who my stalker is, an office mate told me that Jay asked him for my mobile number. I did not entertain him because I hardly knew him in the first place. I told Gabby about this man but he told me to just ignore the guy.

One day, when I was very busy doing my job, a man stood in front of my table. I looked up and saw a man I'd probably see only in my dreams. Jay introduced himself to me and said sorry for making me feel nervous. He asked me to go out that day but I rejected his offer. I thought that would be the end of it. But he kept calling and texting me. I discovered a lot of things about him. Jay is very kalog, very sincere and a down-to-earth person. He is also very rich so I could not believe he had fallen in love with a girl like me.

I began to hide things from Gabby. Every time Gabby and I are together, my mind is on Jay. I don't know what came over me but I just found myself having an affair with Jay. I gave myself to a man I barely knew. I was ready to face the reality that after he got what he wanted, he would leave me. But he did not. He told me that after what happened, his feelings for me grew much stronger. Joe, Jay is asking me to leave Gabby and to marry him. Gabby never asked even once. Jay told me he is ready to face anything just to have me, even if it would cost him his life.

Joe, I don't know what to do. I've tried to break up with them both. But they don't want to let go. I told Gabby that I am falling for another guy and I don't want to be unfair to him. I sought my parents' advice and they don't want Jay for me. They told me that Jay would only use me and dump me. They even told me that Jay and I don't belong together because of our status in the society. My parents think that Jay's family might hate me because we are not that rich.

Joe, I know this is my fault. From the start, I should not have entertained Jay. I should've ignored him because I am already committed to Gabby. I shouldn't have allowed myself to fall for him. Joe, I love Jay so much. But we cannot meet very often because Gabby is always with me and my parents are screening all my calls at home. They don't want me to get involved with Jay. Joe, it's killing me. I want to see and talk to Jay. I don't know what to do.

Sincerely,
Rain

The ultimate test in any relationship is when God allows someone else to get into the picture and distort it. Many who are committed to relationships remain faithful even during times of adversity and disappointments. But there are times when we simply stumble and make irreversible mistakes.

The best way to go about this kind of dilemma is to simply be true to yourself. First, you have to realize that there should never be two men in your life. It is either Jay or Gabby and not both. You should never be afraid to fight for what you feel. Live for love and not with fear. Marriages should not be about who's rich or not. It is all about love, and sharing one's life regardless of who has more money. Marriages are supposed to be built on things that last and not on those that rust and decay.

Let us always remember that every day we live is a choice we make. You can choose to become this today or be someone else tomorrow. Rain, make a choice and live that choice. Don't let fear keep you from loving. Listen to your innermost self and use your mind to balance your emotion, and let it guide you to where heart should truly be.

GMA

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As the President's private secretary, Rodriguez says she has "to make sure GMA has everything she needs for her appointments for the day, such as speech materials, talking points, briefing sheets, as well as personal stuff such as hankies, face powder and lipstick."

Because the President is a stickler for punctuality, Rodriguez said she has "to keep the time and remind GMA when it's time to go to an engagement and, when we are there, to remind her when to leave for the next appointment." As part of her duties, Rodriguez says she has to "answer the President's cellular phones (she has three) and give the phone to her when she can take a call, or get the callers' messages when she cannot."

The President's work schedule is common knowledge. She starts the day at 7 in the morning by hearing Mass at the Malacañang chapel. From then on until the late evening television news, it's paper work, meetings, speeches, official engagements and other state functions. Her Girl Friday literally shadows her. "I wake GMA up in the morning and basically tag along till she retires at night. Everything she needs in between is something I have to think about and make sure gets done," says her private secretary.

Rodriguez's work schedule is not the typical 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. routine of her counterpart in the private sector. She works 24 hours for three days straight (inclusive of Sundays and holidays) and then goes off duty for three days. Because she is "on call" while on her shift, she sleeps in a room beside the quarters of the First Couple. If the President wakes up in the middle of the night and wants to talk to somebody, Rodriguez has to cut short her sleep and dial the number of that not-so-lucky person.

Although Rodriguez considers Sunday as her rest day, it is usually interrupted by emergencies or affairs of the State that require her immediate attention.

It helps that the twentysomething Bacolod City native is single and unattached. With no boyfriend to worry about, she is able to focus on her work and join the President wherever she's needed. During the May 1, 2001 siege of the Palace by pro-Estrada forces, she was holed up in Malacañang along with GMA and other top officials of the land—just one of the exigencies that the service demands.

Rodriguez describes the President as a "no-nonsense boss who is intense about performing all the tasks that the presidency entails. She expects immediate results and is very committed to her job. She expects everyone who works for her to be as serious, as conscientious and as sincere as she is."

The hectic work schedule and low pay sometimes prompts this eldest in a family of four to ask herself why she continues to stay on the job. The question often crops up when conversations with her friends veer towards salaries and other employment privileges. She has a ready answer however. Says Rodriguez, "I think of all the other benefits that I get from my job, such as learning so much and literally being exposed to the world. After all, not everyone is as lucky and privileged as I am to work for the President of the Philippines."

Thanks to her work, Rodriguez saw Brunei and Singapore when the President made state visits to those countries. She was with the President in China during the 2001 Apec Summit. She had a close look at "Ground Zero" (the site of the World Trade Center) in New York. That trip also included visits to Washington, San Francisco and Mexico City.

Rodriguez muses that she never thought that she would be able "to see important people up close whom I used to see only on foreign news channels. Or learn a lot by just sitting behind GMA when she holds Cabinet meetings, or visits Basilan or other far-flung areas in the country that I didn't even know existed. Or experience riding a helicopter, a Lear Jet or a six-by-six military truck."

Amidst the perks and privileges that go with serving the President, this comely Ilongga says she has no plans of making a career out of government service. In preparation for the day when she has had her fill of working in the country's seat of power, she enrolled in a Manila-based MBA program of the University of Western Australia which she hopes to complete by mid-2004.

In the meantime, Rodriquez intends to "enjoy to the max" a job that many would gladly give an arm and a leg to get. Words of advice to interested parties: due to the nature of the job, only females may apply. More importantly, the applicant should enjoy the President's trust and confidence, something which takes a lot of time and effort to earn.

Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

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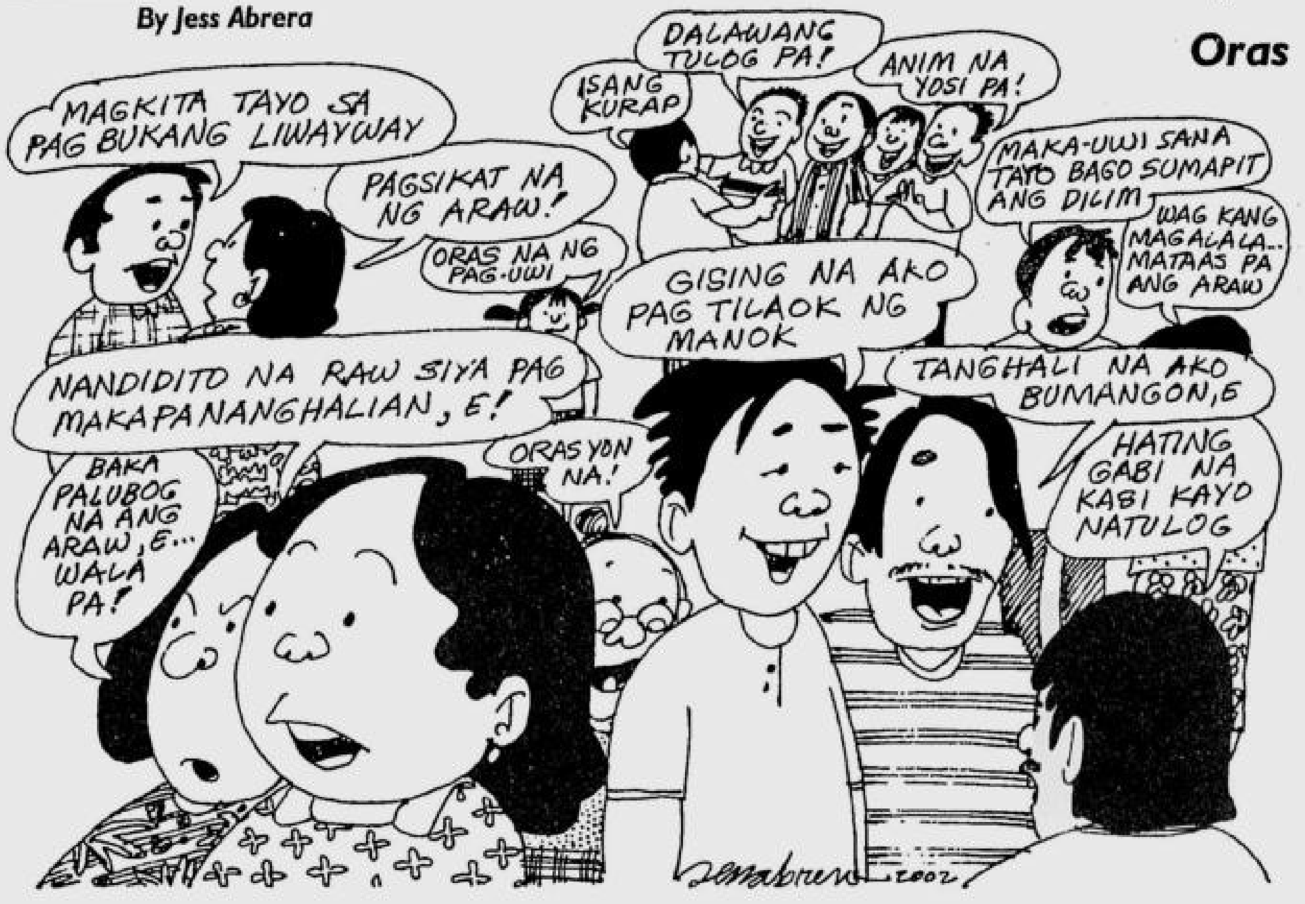
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Female

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Lee Robin's having a daughter was never a problem for Rachel. "I always knew he has a daughter," she reveals. "I admire the fact that he's standing by her."

It was the "other woman" that nearly drove the two of them apart. "Ever since we got together, people were saying a lot of things about him. My family and friends didn't approve of the relationship. There was so much pressure. Even GR (Rachel's manager Girlie Rodis) was against it in the beginning." When Lee Robin got into theater, he started going out with a new set of friends, pushing Rachel out of his life. Finally, the two just broke up.

Six months later, the two decided to give the relationship another chance. Everything was going well until Rachel discovered that Lee Robin was not being totally honest. "I found out he was still going out with other people," says Rachel. When the rumors became more and more persistent, Rachel decided to take matters into her own hands and confront the other girl. "Let's just say it wasn't pretty," she laughs. "I felt really bad, but I was still willing to forgive him. My self-esteem was so low, I was willing to put up with so much crap. I took him back because I honestly thought the breakup was my fault."

Ironically, this sad event brought something beautiful into Rachel's life: her friendship with Geneva. They started out in showbiz at about the same time—Geneva as a part of Smokey Mountain and Rachel on the defunct "That's Entertainment"—but they were never really close. It took an emotional crisis to make them see that they could be good friends.

"Sure, we'd see each other all the time in shows, but it wasn't until this thing happened to me that we became really close," says Rachel. "The next time we saw each other, she was shocked by the way I looked. I'd lost so much weight and I was so down. I'd call her all the time, and we'd talk on the phone for hours. When she had problems, I'd give her advice. We became crisis friends. And even now that we don't see each other that often—*at kahit walang* crisis *sa buhay namin*—we still stay in touch. But Geneva is more secretive than me. My relationships are an open book. There are some things she's told me that I haven't told anyone else."

Rachel and Geneva are perhaps the best proof that two people don't have to be alike to be good friends. Rachel is 28, Geneva is 26. Rachel is single, Geneva is a single mom. Rachel describes herself as a morning person who is up by 7 or 8, no matter how late she turns in the night before. Geneva, on the other hand, is a late riser. When Rachel wakes up in the morning, "I start counting the hours until I can text her, which is usually in the afternoon!"

Geneva admits she likes going out at night, but claims that the latest she's ever stayed out is 3 a.m. "When I was still married, I didn't know how to have fun. And I never realized what it was like to be young because I started working when I was 13, and became a mom at a young age."

Another thing that sets the two friends apart is their working habits. Geneva drives herself much harder than Rachel does. "She's so busy," says Rachel of her friend. "She hardly ever takes breaks or vacations. Me, I like to travel whenever I get the opportunity."

Geneva is a clotheshorse. Rachel claims that Geneva's closet is full of designer brands. "Me, I buy clothes in the *tiangge*!" she laughs. "Seriously, I don't spend so much on clothes. I spend more on things like the gym and one-on-one Pilates."

The two friends will finally realize their dream of performing together in "Showdown," a joint concert on October 25 at the Music Museum. Although the title seems to indicate a battle—and although the Music Museum stage will be designed like a boxing ring—there will be nothing unfriendly about this showdown. On the contrary, it will be a celebration of friendship, music, life, love and all the things Rachel and Geneva consider important.

It will be a celebration of a friendship built on differences that, despite all that, seems meant to last.

For tickets to "Showdown," call Talentworks Asia at 687-0658, or visit their offices at 2201 Robinson's Equitable Tower, ADB Avenue corner Poveda Street, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. You can also call the Music Museum box-office at 721-0635.

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The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

God and Caesar

The clergymen are being cautioned never to return to the past when churchmen played the money-and-power game with the State. The power of the Church is the power to serve and defend the 'lost, the last, the lowest and the least of our brethren'

TODAY'S gospel (Mt. 22:15-21) is about the classic conflict between Church and State. We hear Jesus saying to his plotters: "Give back to the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus was referring to that silver coin (denarius) used by the Jews to pay the annual poll tax as a tribute to Caesar. On that coin was inscribed the image of Tiberius, believed by the Romans as a "god." Law-abiding and pious Jews, including Jesus himself, never touched such a coin believing that it violated the Mosaic prohibition against images.

But Jesus might have had a more symbolic reason for wanting to distance himself from the silver coin. It is, for him, the symbol of inordinate attachment to money and power which, according to the Kingdom Paradigm, is exactly the opposite of what the Reign of God means. Power and wealth belong to the Roman oppressor. Paying tax money to him symbolizes subservience to the Emperor-god, and slavish dependence on the "mammon power" (Mt. 6:24) of the political establishment.

But Jesus goes to the root of the issue. Having nothing to do with the silver coin (tax money) does not only mean breaking with the political dominion of the Emperor-god; it is also a symbolic act of refusing to be enslaved by an "addiction" to money and power which led the Roman ruler to actually exploit and bastardize the poor, and to delay the coming of God's Reign. Jesus exhorts his audience to give the coin back to the Emperor and thus be liberated from the power of mammon. Only then will they be able to worship the true God and give Him what belongs to Him.

But our question is this: Has the official Church been really serious in refusing to be enslaved by this addiction to money and power in the spirit of Jesus? Instead of competing with the State in the acquisition of Pera, Power and Popularity (PPP), the Church is invited to remain a "sign of contradiction" (Lk. 2:34) in the world by becoming more and more like Jesus who did exactly the opposite of what the State and the rest of the worldly-wise tempted him to do.

We, the clergymen, are being cautioned by PCP II never to return to the past when churchmen played the money-and-power game with the State. Our "power" as-Church is a different kind of "power"—the power to be poor and wounded as Jesus was, the power to be on the side of the helpless and friendless poor, the power to serve as fellow-travelers and defenders of the "lost, the last, the lowest and the least of our brethren." (Mt. 26:45)

When we-as-Church are poor, powerless and unspectacular, exactly unlike the powerful, rich and famous world of the State and of politicians, we have no competitors. Only then can the Kingdom come—according to God's promise.

In a country such as ours where more than 70 percent of the people are poor and powerless, a suffering and servant Church would appear more credible than a flag-waving, triumphalistic Church. The Philippine bishops stressed: "The Church now locates herself not on the periphery of man's pilgrimage, but at the center of it; not as an alien behind cold institutional walls, but as a sacrament of salvation, embedded within the flesh of humanity."

We-as-Church are being challenged to prepare ourselves to demonstrate our "power" to face the lions again, as in the beginning. And that would be, for the Church, a new beginning of her second spring.

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Martin Celebrates 20 Years of Music with SMART

It's hard to believe that a man's voice can get better with age. You would think that after all the songs that have been sung, all the albums that have been recorded, and all the concerts that he's sold out, Martin Nievera would be lessening his workload. Nothing could be further from the truth. For this, Martin's 20th year in the entertainment industry, he's even picked up the pace by releasing a new album entitled "Chasing Time" that will be released across Southeast Asia and being the top pitch man for SMART.

So just how does Martin do it? How does he keep everything fresh after performing and selling out venue after venue? "Everything I do is new and exciting," he recently said at a press conference to launch "Chasing Time". Citing his signing as "The SMART Man", Martin said, "It's hard to believe and it's such an honor to be asked by the company."

Surprisingly, Martin feels he has yet to reach his peak in his showbiz career. With "Chasing Time," he could have easily opted for a typical "Best of" compilation. But instead, Martin has chosen to give his fans something new for his anniversary album.

With the carrier single "Never Say Goodbye" composed by Grammy Award-winning R&B superstar Brian McKnight heating up the airwaves, Martin once more lends his unique voice to a new lineup of songs for you to cherish. McKnight also penned other potential hits for Martin entitled "Over," "All the Way," while singing with Martin in the duet "Thank You For Saving My Life." Other collaborators who wrote or arranged songs for this album include musicmakers Edith Gallardo, Moy Ortiz and Ben Escasa. Legendary Filipino composer George Canseco teamed up with longtime Martin favorite Louie Ocampo for one track, while new talents Ricky Sanchez and Andrei Estrada also lent a hand in making the album the instant classic that it has become.

As a bonus for Martin Nievera fans, SMART Communications is giving away free copies of the limited edition "Chasing Time" VCD to those who SIM swap to the new SMART 64K Super SIM at selected SM malls during Martin's album launch tour at SM Manila on Oct. 20, SM Bacoor on Nov. 18, SM Fairview on Nov. 19, SM Pampanga on Nov. 20, SM Southmall on Nov. 21, SM Megamall on Nov. 22, SM Cebu on Nov. 23, and at SM Davao on Nov. 24. And from October 21 to November 1, 2002, they can also be among the first 10 listeners of the day to SIM Swap at the following radio stations: Wave 89.1, Magic 89.9, Monster Radio RX 93.1, and 93.9 iFM. Those interested in swapping their non-SMART SIM cards can visit the stations Monday to Friday, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, and from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

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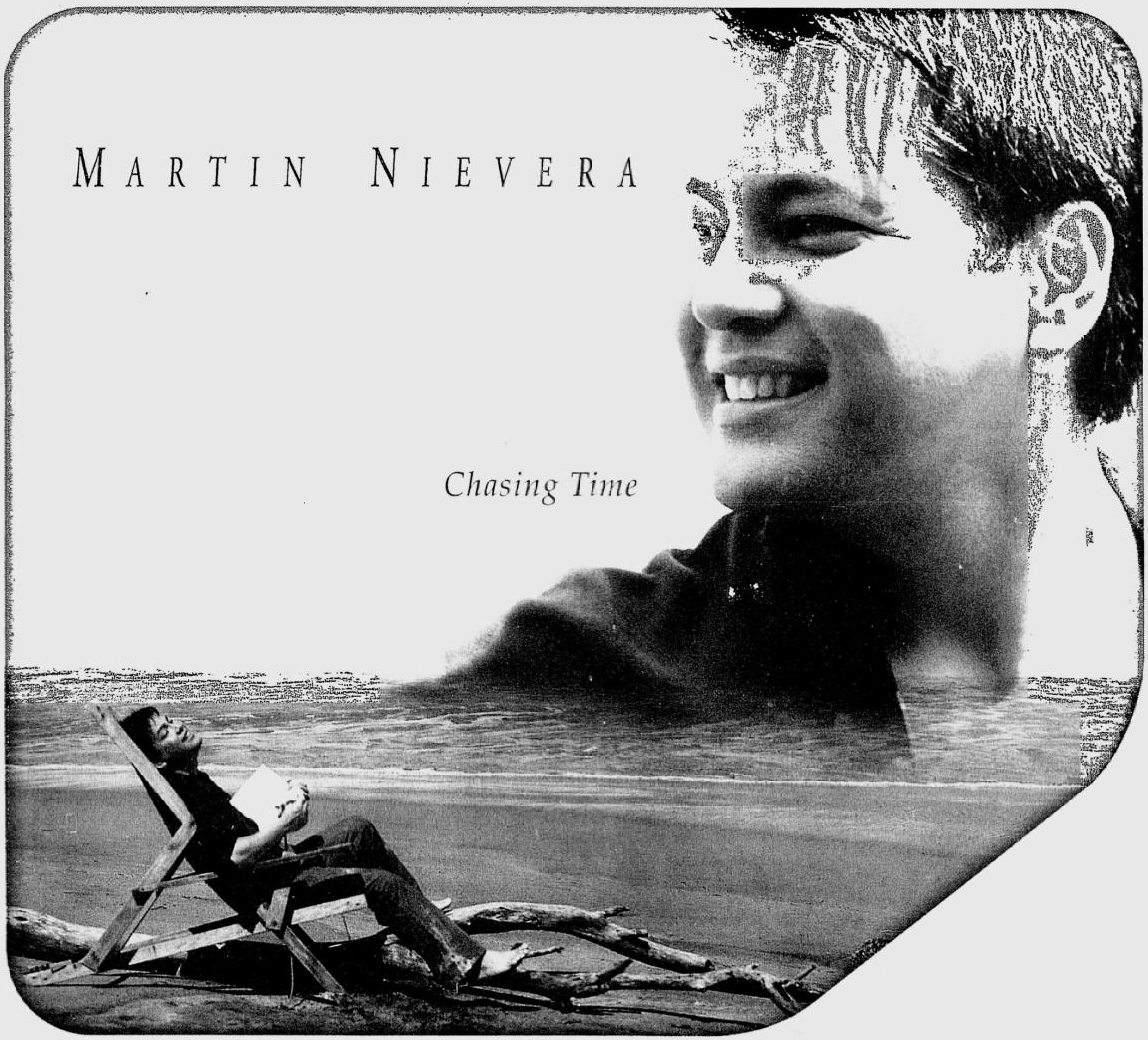

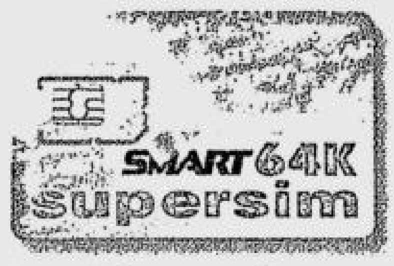

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